

RUC braced for more trouble today

## Catholics riot after Orange marchers win

By NICHOLAS WATT, AUDREY MAGEE AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY



An RUC officer fires in defence of the marchers

continued after the march with hooded men on the estate setting fire to a car and breaking up paving stones.

The march, from the small Drumcree parish church along the two-mile route into Portadown, set off just before 10.00pm — four days late — after Army Engineers had removed barbed wire. To the sound of a single drum beat the loyalists, dressed in dark suits and wearing orange sashes, marched in silence along a lane from the church to the Garvagh Road.

As they turned into the nationalist road, several hundred RUC officers, who had faced them across barbed wire since Sunday, protected them from the angry nationalist residents who shouted abuse.

Scores of armour-plated RUC Land Rovers lined the road where police in riot gear shielded the Orangemen.

Brendan MacCormick, the chairman of the local residents' association, said that the reaction of the police

proved they were the military wing of unionism. "I think the day has proved that the RUC are not prepared to protect nationalists and are not prepared to take on loyalists."

A few minutes after the Orangemen had passed the Garvagh estate a band struck up Orange tunes as the march moved into the Protestant Woodside where thousands gave a rapturous reception.

David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionists and local MP, told constituents that the parade was forced along the Garvagh Road after negotiations between nationalists and loyalists broke down. The two sides did not meet but church leaders had held all-night negotiations. There were hopes that the nationalists would let the loyalists march in future marches.

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Lin Russell and her daughter Megan, who were bludgeoned to death in a wooded lane near their home in Kent

## 'Stay in' alert after Kent murders

By LIN JENKINS

WOMEN and children were told by police last night not to venture from home as they warned that the deranged murderer who bludgeoned a mother and daughter to death could kill again.

Lin Russell, 45, and her six-year-old daughter Megan, of Nonington, near Canterbury, died from multiple head injuries inflicted by a hammer in what police described as a "frenzied attack".

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### Suicide claim

Amschel Rothschild, the chairman of Rothschild Asset Management, committed suicide in a Paris hotel on Monday, according to police. Earlier reports said that he had died of a heart attack. — Page 3

### Perot enters race

Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire who challenged the established candidates in America's 1992 presidential election, shook up this year's White House race by announcing that he was likely to run again. — Page 15

## Council gets record £48m damages bill

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

A DISTRICT COUNCIL was paid £48 million in damages by the High Court yesterday, when Mr Justice May ruled that it had failed to provide essential information to a property developer.

The judgment presents Weymouth Council in Dorset with the biggest bill for damages ever awarded against a British authority, amounting to £533 for every resident. The council, which raises only £9.6 million a year in council tax, is to appeal, but is already making contingency plans to ensure that services are guaranteed.

"We do not have £50 million and we never will ... but somehow we have to make sure that our services are not damaged," David Riddle, the chief executive, said last night. "I find it uncomfortable that a £2.5-billion property company with profits of £130 million in the past two years is pursuing a course of action which has serious consequences for a local community, especially when that company is now profiting from its development here."

Slough told the court it would never have built the Howard Centre in Weymouth had it known that the council had altered the planning rules to help Gallerias Centre, three miles away, to compete. Gallerias has since gone bankrupt and the centre converted into factory shops. The Howard Centre is thriving with letting at 97 per cent.

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which is being well patronised by the same community."

The court found that the council had lured Slough Estates into building a big shopping centre in 1987 by keeping a basic change in planning rules secret. The rule change opened the way for a rival centre, of which the council was landlord, to rent space to the same sort of tenants as those Slough Estates wanted to acquire.

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## Pilots' strike off as union backs deal

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH AIRWAYS pilots last night called off the strike which they had threatened from next Tuesday and which could have wrecked thousands of summer holidays.

After three days of negotiations at a hotel near Heathrow both sides claimed to have reached a satisfactory settlement. The agreement will now be put to the 3,000 pilots and flight engineers in the pilots' union Balpa, with a recommendation that it be accepted.

Balpa said that it had managed to negotiate higher pay scales for short-haul flight crew based at Gatwick — the central issue in the dispute — improved pay for new pilots and the satisfactory resolution of a number of minor irritations which had persuaded 90 per cent of BA's pilots to vote in favour of a strike.

BA said that the deal was both fair to the pilots and to other employees of the airline who had accepted the pay deal of 3.6 per cent. The pilots had accepted an increase of up to 10 per cent on top of the universal rise of 3.6 per cent in

return for a ten per cent increase in flying hours.

The size of the majority in favour of strike action among the pilots had surprised union leaders but in recent days a growing number had begun openly to question the wisdom of a strike. British Airways had decided to stand firm and had drawn up plans to mitigate any effect the strike would have had.

The BA board gave the go-ahead for whole EuroGatwick operation — short-haul services operating from Gatwick airport and feeding passengers onto long-haul routes — to be put up for sale had the strike gone ahead. The board also froze next April's staff bonus payment which was expected to exceed the £94 million paid this year and put on hold the purchase of new Boeing jets.

Pilots were convinced that it would have been impossible for the airline to operate more than a handful of flights had they gone on strike.

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## Value-for-money MPs flex intellectual muscles at 25p a minute

Why were Timothy West and Prunella Scales in the Strangers' Gallery yesterday? Prunella Scales (Sibyl in *Fawlty Towers*) will have felt more at home than Timothy West, who has played Churchill. "Don't mention salaries" was the subtext of the afternoon.

But the rest of us could hardly keep our minds off the subject. This, after all, was Day 1 of our new super-remunerated value-for-money MP. Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes (C. Wimbledon), a

living demonstration, rose to offer an example of the fizz, the independent-mindedness, the sheer intellectual firepower which British voters are now able to purchase for their £43,000 a year.

Did the Deputy Prime Minister agree, he asked, "that we in Britain have the finest Civil Service in the world?" Probing mercilessly, Dr Goodson-Wickes asked Mr Heseltine to commend the work civil servants do "to implement the Government's excellent policies". The rest was unintelligible.

After this sizzler of an inquiry, Dennis Canavan (Lab, Falkirk W) rose to commend "one of the greatest political leaders in history". Michael Heseltine looked up hopefully. But no, it was Nelson

Mandela of whom Canavan spoke. Mr Canavan hoped that Mandela's message of peace and love would find echoes in Northern Ireland too.

You may think MPs had

earned that extra £9,000 already. Still sceptical? Then get a load of John Gunnell (Lab, Leeds S & Morley) who, com-

mending President Mandela, probably meant to ask about the struggle against apartheid, but asked about "the struggle against anti-apartheid", provoking a ripple of consternation. Heseltine praised "one of the political giants of our time", modestly forbearing to mention the other. He also

praised the achievement of

William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, in securing a £1.7 billion Korean investment in Wales.

An interview by Petronella Wyatt in that morning's *Daily Telegraph* had been headlined "William Hague: I am more fun than I look". As Heseltine spoke of the Welsh Secretary's Lucky Goldstar triumph, I glanced at the balding young corner and unexpected fun-seeker. Unwittingly he was running the tip of his tongue around his half-opened lips in an alarming gesture which in

less salubrious circumstances could invite criminal prosecution. Miss Wyatt and I may not have realised quite what fun Mr Hague can be.

To earn his own £9,000 bonus, Labour's Deputy Leader, John Prescott, limped in (he has hurt his foot) to call the Government spivs. Tory back-benchers earned their bonus by shouting "disgraceful". Sir Gerard Vaughan (C, Reading E) earned his by asking Mr Heseltine to wish Sir Edward Heath many happy returns for last Tuesday, the parlia-

mentary equivalent of a "Sorry we forgot your birthday" card. Questions to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, had been more sombre. Sir Patrick warned us he must wear "the cloak of caution". He slipped it over the jacket of wariness, itself worn with the tie of guardedness over the shirt of circumspection and the vest of charrism, tucked into the trousers of prudence, over the underpants of discretion. There are days one marvels that Sir Patrick can even walk.

## Tory peers rally to avert defeat on housing sale

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

A MASSIVE turnout by hereditary peers last night helped John Major to avoid an embarrassing Lords defeat over plans to privatise Armed Forces housing.

The backwoodsmen, encouraged to visit Westminster for the Prime Minister's annual address to Tory peers, responded to Mr Major's eleventh-hour appeal to defeat a rebel move to scupper Michael Portillo's sell-off of 60,000 Services homes for £1.6 billion. It was the first time since the Maastricht Bill three years ago that Tory peers had been subjected to a three-line whip, the strongest appeal to attend.

Victory for the Government came in spite of a barrage of criticism from its own side over its "shoddy plans". Over 85 per cent of the speeches were deeply critical of the plan.

Mr Major, in his annual speech, told 180 Tory peers half an hour before the vote that they had to "stick together" to win the next election and that the sell-off had the backing of the chiefs of defence staff.

He also pointed to the huge hole in the Government's finances that would be left without the sale going ahead. The pleas appeared, to have worked and the amendment was rejected by 256 to 176.

The Liberal Democrats said last night: "The Government only won the vote by making it a matter of confidence in the Government and dragging out all their backwoodsmen. This is quite a disgraceful way to behave with the homes of our Service families."

Labour Peers were furious that the Tories could win the vote in spite of dozens of backbench Tory peers rebelling and the Liberal Demo-

cats and Labour turning out in force to support the wrecking amendment. They were also angry that many Tory Peers did not attend for most of the debate because they were listening to Mr Major's speech.

The Tory rebels were led by Baroness Park of Monmouth, who demanded that the proposed sale of the Ministry of Defence married quarters estate should be delayed until Parliament and Armed Forces families had been consulted. She said that the issue was of national rather than political importance and the defence of the nation was at stake.

"The Services feel punch drunk. They have taken so many cuts and have been asked to do the impossible so often," she said. "This is the last straw. Families feel threatened and anxious wives make anxious husbands. We are risking our country."

She said that the Chiefs of Staff's declared support for the sale was only under threat of alternative cuts.

Baroness Cox, another Tory Peer, said servicemen's families were prepared to make sacrifices for Service life but there was anger at the lack of consultation. She said they put up with long periods of single-parenthood, the possibility of early widowhood and endless moves and made the sacrifices willingly.

The Labour Party said that it would try to force a vote on "this shabby deal" next week and the Tories could "no longer pretend to be the patriotic party". Dr David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said: "Labour will now ensure time for a debate. The Tories have betrayed the armed forces and want to betray the taxpayer."



Garvagh Road: RUC officer seizing one of about 300 nationalist protesters

## Nationalist mood worsens as loyalist tempers abate

ANALYSIS

A BOIL has been lanced but Ulster's condition is still critical. The decision to allow Portadown's Orangemen to march their traditional route may have assuaged Unionist anger, but it has been at a price. Nationalist Northern Ireland is incensed.

One Sinn Fein activist in West Belfast commented:

"People are seething with anger. This week a Catholic taxi driver has been killed,

Catholics have been driven from their homes and after days of Orange terror the Unionists get what they want.

Discontent extends well beyond traditional republican enclaves. Mainstream nationalists feel the security forces who were welcomed only days ago as defenders in Garvagh Road can no longer be trusted. One commented:

"It's a cave-in, no good will come of it."

The change in nationalist mood ominously recalls the late Sixties when the Army arrived as the protectors of intimidated Roman Catholics but soon found themselves caught in the middle and then transformed into targets for nationalist anger.

Officially, Sinn Fein is calling for calm and its spokesmen are urging their supporters not to resort to civil disorder.

However, on the ground, it appears that republicans may be preparing for violence. It is suggested by sources close to security strategists that arms have been moved to potential flash points around Belfast in preparation for today's marches. Trouble is expected

in north Belfast, the Springfield Road area and, particularly, the Lower Ormeau Road in the south of the city.

Sinn Fein has co-ordinated opposition to marches in the Lower Ormeau as it has in Garvagh Road. One former Loyalist paramilitary, himself adept at reading grass-roots feeling, believes Sinn Fein is playing a clever double game. "By stoking up feelings among Catholic residents Sinn Fein either get the credit for stopping the march or, if the RUC step in, they benefit from the resentment caused by repression."

Republicans feelings may be running high but Loyalist fears have not altogether subsided. One former paramilitary prisoner, Andy, from West Belfast, said: "If they hadn't let the marchers through Garvagh Road then this street would have been alight tonight. Sure the marchers getting through gives you a wee lift but the trouble isn't over."

Loyalist leaders admit their ceasefire has been under strain. They fear inter-community violence exacerbated by republicans may cause tautened nerves to snap. One commented: "We must not fall into the trap of destabilising our own society."

But as Ulster nervously celebrates what should be a carnival the fear of carnage remains.

MICHAEL GOVE

## Blair allies stand aside for Harman

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR'S allies have agreed not to stand in the Shadow Cabinet election this month in a move that risks turning the poll into a farce.

Promising younger MPs who might have gained a seat for the first time have decided not to stay out of the contest in the hope of saving Harriet Harman's position.

Last night Mr Blair agreed to bring the elections forward from October to July 24. MPs will ratify the decision on Wednesday, when nominations will open until Monday July 22.

Brian Wilson, Hilary Armstrong, Alistair Darling and Dawn Primarolo, all front-benchers who narrowly missed being elected last October, will not seek nomination. The decision by the two

women in particular not to stand could boost Ms Harman's vote. But many MPs have already made clear that they wish to vent their anger at her decision to send her son to a grammar school.

The MPs denied having made any deal with Mr Blair, but party sources have suggested that the Labour leader wants the present Shadow Cabinet to be endorsed, and wants as little change as possible. "No one sensible will stand," one loyalist MP said.

This leaves Mr Blair with the maximum flexibility to appoint his own Cabinet if Labour wins power. He is supposed to keep the Shadow Cabinet as his first Cabinet, but he is widely expected to ignore this and appoint some newcomers.

## Euro court rejects bus pass bias claim

FROM CHARLES BRENNER  
IN BRUSSELS

THE Government won an unexpected victory in the field of European Union social policy yesterday when the European Court of Justice rejected a claim that the provision of bus passes for women pensioners at 60 did not breach EU law on sex discrimination.

The judges took the rare step of reversing the court's own preliminary opinion. In a politically far-reaching case today, the court is due to rule on the request from Britain for the immediate suspension of the EU ban on its beef exports, pending a later decision on the full BSE affair.

With the bus pass decision, the judges rejected an attempt by the European Commission to broaden the cover of the 1979 EU sex bias law to "social protection" as a whole.

The Government is fighting what it sees as a drive by the other EU states to extend more common social policy to Britain despite its opt-out from the social chapter at Maastricht.

Some senior Tories want the Government to defy the Luxembourg court if it rules against Britain. The court has already issued a preliminary opinion against Britain by its advocate-general, but yesterday's decision on pensioners suggested that the judges could accept the Government's arguments when they rule in September.

The bus case was brought by Stanley Atkins, now 68, from Telford, Shropshire. Five years ago, he began a legal battle claiming that the provision of passes to women at 60 discriminated against men. The High Court asked the European court to rule whether concessionary fare schemes fell within the scope of the EU directive on equal treatment of the sexes.

The judges decided that the transport benefit did not meet all the requirements involving health and social assistance to qualify for cover in that directive.

## Princes on standards

The Prince of Wales yesterday condemned the assumption that poor performance at school could be excused by poverty, and said that failure at school led to "moral and cultural relativism". Speaking at a London awards ceremony for firms working with schools to help raise children's achievement the Prince called for a return to traditional teaching methods.

## Birds win protection

Scores of development projects, including plans for Ipswich and Southampton docks, face tougher planning hurdles after the European Court of Justice ruled that the Government acted illegally in excluding an area of mudflats called Lappet Bank from the Medway Special Protection Area for Birds. The Government had excluded the bank from the area because of Sheerness port's need to expand.

## Pilot saves plane

A British pilot was praised by the Norwegian Air Force for landing one of its F16 fighters safely rather than ditching it at sea when fire broke out in the engine. Squadron Leader Ian McDonald Webb, 36, on a exchange posting, intended to ditch, but returned to base when a colleague told him the fire had gone out. "If he is representative of all your pilots, then they are pretty good," a spokesman said.

## Hairy men 'are smarter'

Smart men have hairy chests, a psychiatrist claimed yesterday. There are more hairy men among doctors and other university-educated professionals than among manual workers, according to the American study. Research among US medical students showed that some of the most intelligent men were those who had hair on their backs as well as their chests.

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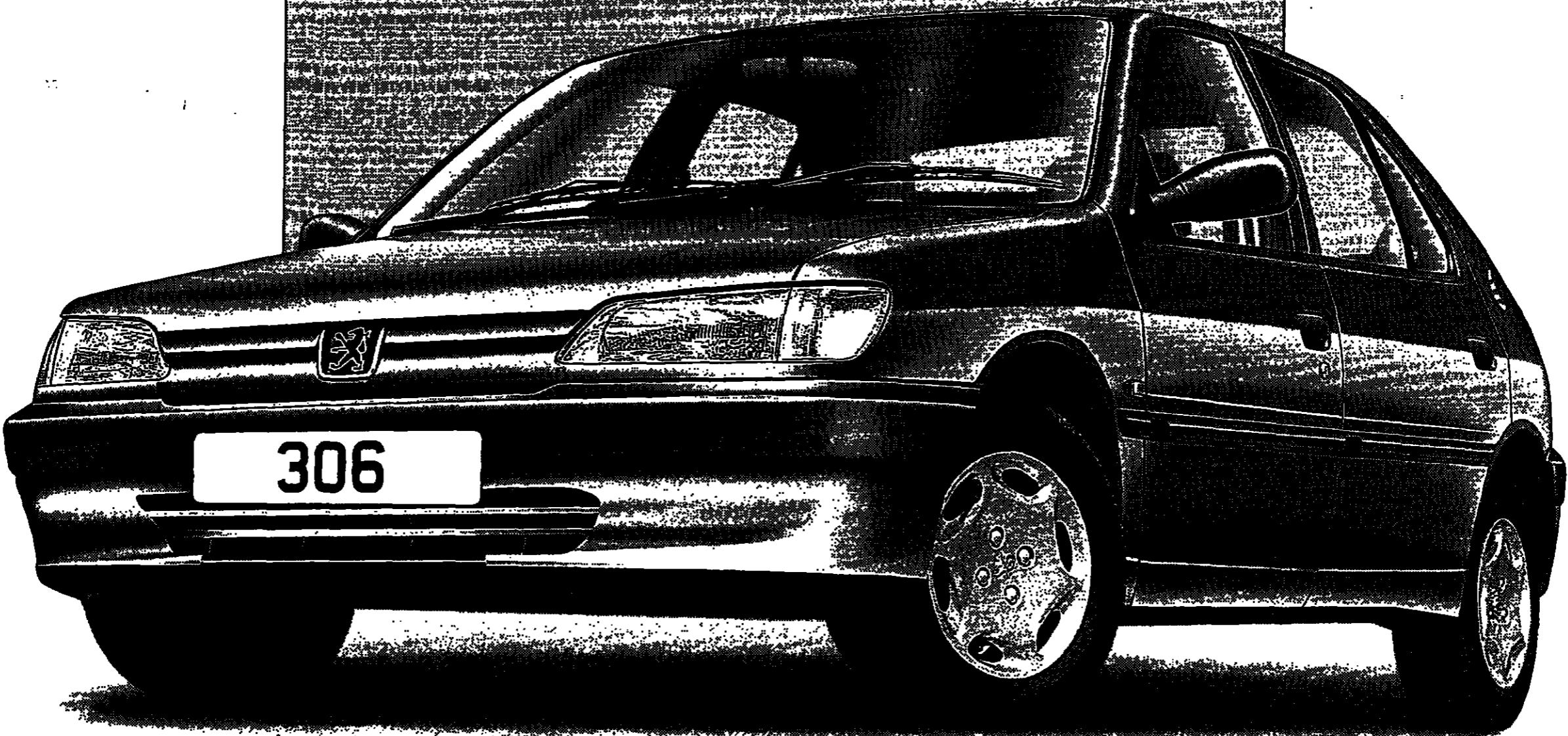
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*DRIVE AWAY*

Rural community speaks of struggle to continue normal life after attack on mother and daughters

## Village plagued by fear after double murder

By BILL FROST  
and LIN JENKINS

UNTIL this week the villagers of Nonington in Kent had believed that they were protected against violence and tragedy by the maze of narrow lanes which effectively cut them off from the outside world. But with the murder of Lin Russell and her six-year-old daughter Megan their comfortable isolation amid orchards and cornfields is over, perhaps for ever.

There is a palpable sense of communal violation and a widely expressed fear that the killer will strike again.

Children at Goodnestone Church of England Primary School, which Megan and her sister Josephine, 9, had attended since moving from North Wales last year, were warned not to play alone or go off with strangers.

The sisters' classmates were yesterday comforted by teachers. The children played games in the afternoon, but there was little laughter. Daryl Peck, the headmistress, said: "We are trying to maintain a normal school day. The community has joined together to help us through this difficult time.

"This is a lovely family. Although they had only been with us for a short time, they had become part of the school in a very real way. We will miss Megan dreadfully and what we are trying to do now is ensure that Josie has as normal a school environment as possible when she returns."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, sent his condolences to the school. "It was with great sadness I



Josephine Russell, who survived, and her sister Megan

heard of the murders and the terrible injuries sustained by Josephine. You are being remembered in prayers by those here at Lambeth Palace and throughout the diocese.

Dr Carey said that he would also be writing to Mrs Russell's husband, Dr Shaun Russell, who yesterday visited his surviving daughter in hospital, where she is under police guard.

Police said yesterday that Dr Russell, 44, a botanist at the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology, was "massively distraught". He raised the alarm when he arrived home at 7.30pm on Tuesday and could not find his family.

Kit Smith, a district councillor and school governor, said: "This terrible business has shattered the whole community." Caroline Martin, who runs the nursery school in the nearby village of Chilenden, turned parents and children away yesterday. "This has really spooked everybody and

such popular, lovely little girls, and Lin was a marvellous mother. She had a doctorate in geology and used to take the pupils out and give them lessons about rocks."

Detective Chief Inspector David Stevens, who is leading the murder hunt, said yesterday that Dr Russell had given an account of his movements at the time of the murders, and described him as "a gentle man". He said he "hoped and prayed" that he would be able to talk to Josephine about the attack, and that everybody in the village would be interviewed. That would include the 80-strong Bruderhof religious community, beside the woods where Mrs Russell and her daughters were found battered. Mrs Russell used to give rides on her daughters' ponies to some of the 35 children at the Christian community. Police will also question patients and staff at the Promise Centre, a private clinic.

Mr Stevens said: "The family are not particularly well known, having moved recently. We will be finding out about Mrs Russell's movements and habits."

Yesterday police and scientists took samples of foliage for examination. Others worked with a psychologist to try to draw up a psychological profile of the killer.



Klaus Meier at the Bruderhof community's house. The Russells were friends as well as neighbours, he said

## Finger of suspicion saddens sect

MEMBERS of a Christian sect in Nonington are angered and saddened by local gossip that has painted them as outsiders who might be suspect.

The 80-strong Bruderhof community is based at Beech House, next to Shaun and Lin Russell's home. Klaus Meier, the community's spokesman, admitted that the Bruderhof's "separateness" from the village could fuel misunderstandings.

But he said that the pacifist sect had enjoyed a "close and friendly relation-

ship" with the Russells. Mr Meier said: "Lin taught many of our children to ride and her girls' ponies used to graze on our land. Shaun Russell came round often and gave slide shows about his trips abroad when he was with the British Council.

"Suspicion settles on us because they think we set ourselves apart from the village. In fact we are not setting ourselves apart from them at all, only from the violence, corruption and por-

nography of our society." Joe Stainig, another member of the community, was angry that the pacifist sect, expelled from Nazi Germany in 1937, was once again the victim of prejudice. "The Russells were very close friends of ours. There was a very good rapport between us, even though they did not share our beliefs.

"This ignorance and fear really upset us. We like everyone else, are stunned by what has happened and cannot put words to our grief for Lin and Megan."

## Labour calls for inquiry into Tory tax loophole

By ANDREW PIERCE  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT



Sir Graham Kirkham: knighted after donation

LABOUR is pressing for an Inland Revenue investigation after the Conservative Party's £18.5 million overdraft was reduced through a series of interest-free loans from donors exploiting a tax loophole.

Sir Graham Kirkham, knighted in January six months after he converted a £4 million three-month bridging loan into a gift, is the latest benefactor to take advantage of the system.

Top-rate taxpayers would normally pay 40 per cent on the interest from a £4 million deposit. But Sir Graham, by loaning the money to the Tories, ensured they received the full pre-tax interest. The party has special tax status not shared by the other parties and pays tax only on the interest from its own investments.

Aides of Sir Graham, the founder of the DFS furniture chain, declined to discuss his relationship with the Tory party. But the loan was agreed after he was visited by John Major.

"It is fair to say it was converted to a gift," said an aide to Sir Graham, who is worth about £300 million. But *The Times* understands that there was a three-month delay before the loan was converted, effectively making it a six-month loan. The final total to be of the gift is also understood to have been £55 million.

In 1982 the Inland Revenue tried to claim back corporation tax from Conservative

Central Office. But the High Court ruled that funds were controlled by the party leader and not by Central Office.

Labour estimates that the secretive system has denied the Inland Revenue millions of pounds.

Alastair Darling, Shadow Treasury spokesman, said last night: "The party of government, which has increased taxes time and time again, has transformed its finances without paying tax. The secretive and shadowy system should be exposed."

An Inland Revenue spokesman said: "If we are provided with information about possible tax evasion we will look at what is said, but it does not follow that there is an automatic investigation."

Some Tory MPs have also expressed private misgivings about the continuing controversy. Eric Chalker, an executive member of the committee of the National Union, the voluntary wing of the Tory Party, also criticised the loans system.

## Tycoon who likes to settle bills in cash

THE furniture tycoon Sir Graham Kirkham is known as "Peeler" among the few people who recognise the reticent multimillionaire on his home turf in South Yorkshire (Paul Wilkinson writes).

The title refers to his habit of settling bills in cash by peeling £50 notes from a wad in his pocket. He is rumoured once to have given a £1,000 tip to a waiter in Monte Carlo.

Four years ago the 51-year-old was placed just outside the country's 100 wealthiest with £80 million, but is now worth probably three times that. However, he does not live an overtly ostentatious lifestyle. He drives a Bentley, but there is no private yacht and his only personal aircraft is a microlight.

Much of his private fortune is spent on his eclectic art and antiques collection, spanning

four centuries and on a stable of almost two dozen horses. He shuns the limelight and he and his wife, Pauline, jealously guard the privacy of their large four-bedroomed house in the village of Sprotborough.

Six years ago he bought the neighbouring Georgian mansion, Canley Hall, but did not move in. Instead he spent a small fortune restoring it in grand style as a personal gallery for his extensive collection of paintings and period furniture, said to be worth £10 million.

In 1993 he celebrated the flotation of DFS Furniture by buying a Gainsborough, *Peasants Going to Market*, for £3.5 million because he felt it was appropriate. His thirst for such treasures is great and in the past part of his director's fees has been paid in antiques.

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# Parliament echoes to fanfare for man of uncommon spirit

BY ALAN HAMILTON

IF NELSON MANDELA had a vision of Heaven during his long years in prison, could it have been holding the hand of Miss Betty Boothroyd to the sound of trumpets?

Or could it simply have been addressing both houses of the Mother of Parliaments in circumstances of the highest honour they can bestow upon a visitor, and receiving a prolonged standing ovation at the end of a forceful and moving 30-minute address?

Not since de Gaulle in 1960 has a foreign Head of State been granted centre stage in Westminster Hall; President Clinton had to make do with the much less grand Royal Gallery when he addressed Parliament last year.

Met at the door by John and Norma Major, the Lord Great Chamberlain and Black Rod, Mr Mandela made a dramatic entrance into a hall filled with members of the Lords and Commons. Sunlight enlightened the stained glass of the memorial west window, firing the scarlet of the Yeomen of the Guard and Gentlemen at Arms. State trumpeters blew a fanfare. Mr Mandela appeared, flanked by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Speaker in the Lords, and Miss Boothroyd.

The red-carpeted staircase from entrance to podium is long and steeply descending. Madam Speaker clutched the hand of Mr Mandela, who is 78 and sometimes walks with the stiffness of age, supporting him down the steps. For a woman whose life is dedicated to shouting at the unruly, she wore a look of serene happiness.

Mr Mandela stood to attention as the band of Grenadier Guards played his national anthem. Madam Speaker, who appeared to know some of the words of *Nkosi Sikile Afrika*, sang along for a few bars. Lord Mackay welcomed Mr Mandela with passing reference to Westminster Hall having witnessed 1,000 years on the rocky road to British democracy.

Then Mr Mandela rose

from his gilded chair and walked to the lectern to prolonged applause. It was, he said, with a deep sense of humility that he stood there: his presence closed a 200-year-old circle that had begun with the British colonisation of the Cape in 1795.

He remembered the British who had fought for black freedom, from William Wilberforce to Lord Brockway. He recalled Harold Macmillan's "wind of change" speech and the debt owed to Archbishop Trevor Huddleston.

Racism. Mr Mandela said, was a blight on the human condition. "The idea that any people can be inferior to another to the point where

those who consider themselves superior define and treat the rest as sub-human denies the humanity even of those who would elevate themselves to the status of gods."

He likened the crime of apartheid to Nazism in Europe and the decimation of the native peoples of America and Australia. "All these are like a haunting question that floats in the wind: why did we allow this to happen? It seems to us that as the ordinary people of the world came to understand the real nature of the system of apartheid, they decided that they would not allow their response to that question to be to hang their heads in shame."

Mr Mandela paid tribute to the millions of Britons, and others throughout the world, who had stood up against apartheid. "Our emancipation is their reward. We know that the freedom we have found is a richly textured gift, hand-crafted by ordinary folk who would not allow their dignity to be insulted.

"In the acceptance of that gift, it contained an undertaking by our people that we shall never, never again allow our country to play host to racism. Nor shall our voices be stilled if we see that another elsewhere in the world is the victim of racial tyranny."

Mr Mandela said that the foundation stones of the new South Africa included the ending of disparities in wealth, income and opportunity between races, and a growing economy. "Because they are poor, these millions understand the effort and time it will take from walking barefoot to the comforts of a truly decent existence."

As Mr Mandela sat down, both houses rose and gave a long standing ovation. Madam Speaker thanked him, then took his arm again as they left the hall to the accompaniment of William Walton's theme music from Olivier's film of *Richard III*. A curious choice, but perhaps it had something to do with a winter of discontent being made glorious summer.

## Speaker recalls days of protest

BETTY BOOTHROYD told President Mandela that she had been a member of the Black Sash, a white women's movement against apartheid.

The Speaker said: "Along with others of my generation I stood with Black Sash outside South Africa House in the hope of instilling some sense of shame among government supporters inside. We were realistic. We had no great hopes of influencing their policy, but it was a matter of principle."

In a speech of thanks frequently interrupted by applause, she told the President that he represented "an outstanding victory of the human spirit over evil... As a result of your determination to end apartheid there is more than a third of your life in prison, though your spirit was freer than that of your captors outside. And when you were released it again.

was remarkable to see you emerge with no feeling of personal bitterness towards those who had denied your freedom."

Miss Boothroyd said that members of Black Sash were not revolutionaries, "they were ordinary white women driven by a sense of decency and fair play". Turning to the President, she said: "You were one of those in our minds throughout silent vigils. I never expected to stand here under the famous hammer beams of Westminster Hall, which have witnessed so many of the great events of British history, and see you honoured so rightly and so full-heartedly by both Houses of Parliament."

She concluded: "South Africa House, where once you were vilified, you will enter tomorrow as Head of State." The House applauded once again.



Betty Boothroyd assisting President Mandela in Westminster Hall yesterday



## Penfriends invited to show

LYNN and Jim Barnard, from Bramhall, Greater Manchester, were preparing yesterday to travel to London to be one of the "special friends" of Nelson Mandela invited to a royal charity concert. The couple, who have been penfriends with Mr Mandela for 30 years, received the invitation from the Prince of Wales at the President's insistence.

Mr Barnard started writing to Mr Mandela 34 years ago

when he was first jailed. His wife became involved when she noticed Mr Mandela's name on his Christmas card list. The concert, held last night at the Royal Albert Hall, was attended by the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family. Performers included Phil Collins, Quincy Jones, Tony Bennett and a number of South African stars.



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**£7,000 for Lawrence's Arabic dictionary**

THE well-thumbed Arabic-English dictionary used by T.E. Lawrence when he was a secret agent in North Africa during the First World War fetched £7,000 at Sotheby's in London yesterday.

It was among a collection of Lawrence of Arabia memorabilia, including rare books, maps and poems, offered by the author's Peter Hopkirk which fetched more than £36,000.

The *Student's Arabic-English Dictionary* by F. Steinbass was used by Lawrence while working in the Cairo intelligence department just before the Arabs revolted against the Turks in 1916, in which he played a crucial role. He later used it at the 1919 Versailles peace conference in his role as British liaison officer with the Emir Faisal.

Lawrence presented the dictionary to Sir Gerard Clauson, the Arabic and Turkish language scholar, when the two worked together in the Colonial Office in 1920. Mr Hopkirk bought it from a London bookseller 20 years ago for £25.

□ A first edition of Ian Fleming's novel *You Only Live Twice*, inscribed by him to the "real" James Bond, fetched £12,650 at Sotheby's. Fleming took the agent's name from a neighbour in Jamaica, a mild-mannered American ornithologist. Fleming thought the name was "brief, unromantic and yet very masculine".

Mr Stead, a bachelor, and

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

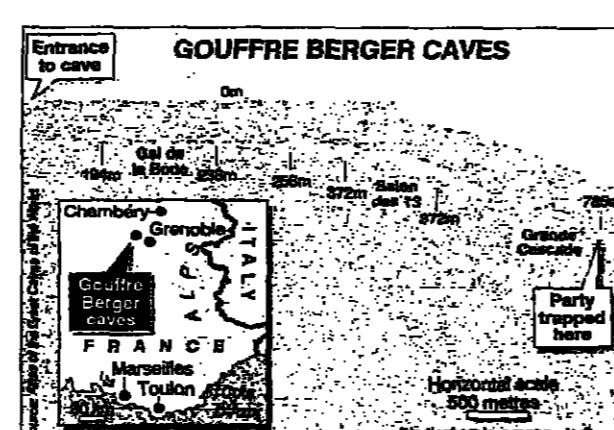
AN EXHAUSTED British potholer trapped by flood waters 2,500ft beneath the French Alps was yesterday facing a sixth night in the icy tomb where the body of a woman companion is awaiting recovery. A paramilitary police captain in charge of the rescue said high waters in the Gouffre Berger caves would make it very difficult to bring out William Stead and three stranded Hungarians.

Mr Stead, 37, has been waiting to be brought to the surface since torrential rains on Saturday caused a flash flood that swept away an Oxford University expedition, drowning his companions Nicola Perrin and a Hungarian.

Captain Gerard Valich said new ropes were being installed in the caves and that two of the Hungarians suffering from severe hypothermia might have to be brought out on stretchers, seriously delaying the rescue.

Mr Valich said that the survivors were cold and weak and would need medical treatment. Rescuers located the body of Mrs Perrin, 31, and Torda Istvan, 25, on Wednesday, and yesterday doctors reached the survivors in one of the most dangerous parts of the caves.

Mr Stead, a bachelor, and



Mrs Perrin, married, both from Merseyside, remained members of Oxford University Cave Club after graduating. They had been due to join an annual six-week expedition of 20 members exploring caves in the Picos de Europa in northern Spain after stopping off for some "tourist caving" at the popular Gouffre Berger caves near Grenoble.

Dr John Singleton, a senior member of the club who lectures in condensed matter physics at Oxford, said yesterday: "Everyone is devastated by what has happened. Nicola and William were very experienced potholers, very physically fit and well prepared for any eventuality. They were overtaken by an act of nature

for which there is no preparation. This is the first fatality the club has known."

He added: "Any suggestion that Nicola and William were foolhardy in going down is wrong. They were two of the very best potholers I would first choose to take on an expedition with me. When a flash flood occurs it is largely luck where you happen to be at the time."

Mrs Perrin graduated in geography from St Hugh's College, Oxford, in 1986. She and her husband, Nick, had no children.

Mr Stead graduated in chemistry from University College, London, in 1978 and took a DPhil before joining the chemical products manufacturers

Lever Bros near his home. Both kept extremely fit.

When they failed to return on Monday British and French rescuers converged on the 3,702ft deep Gouffre Berger in the Vercors plateau near the village of Engins. The temperature in the caves never rises higher than 3°C and humidity is 100 per cent.

Twenty-nine rescuers carrying wetsuits and food were down the pothole yesterday as flood waters subsided. They had first secured a telephone line to the survivors.

Officials said the group were taken by surprise by rising water. They had separated before beginning their ascent, with the three Hungarians staying to collect equipment.

Twenty accidents have taken place in the Berger cave since its discovery in 1953. The body of a 17-year-old Briton, Alex Pitcher, was found in June 1988, ten months after he was lost. Jack Pickup, controller with the Cave Rescue Organisation, covering the Yorkshire Dales, said: "I wouldn't say it's particularly dangerous. People get into trouble when the water rises because it really shoots through."

Visits to the cave have to be booked through the local mayor. So great is its popularity that there is a three-year waiting list.



Nicola Perrin, who drowned in the French cave

**Autistic girl wins right to US school funding**

BY JOHN O'LEARY  
EDUCATION EDITOR

AN AUTISTIC six-year-old girl won the right yesterday to council funding for her to be educated abroad. The High Court ruling will set a precedent for families with severely disabled children.

Tracy Cherrill challenged the refusal of Cheshire County Council to part-fund a place for her daughter, Hannah, at the Higashi School, a pioneering special school in the United States, where the fees are almost £3,000 a year. The costly dispute prompted the judge hearing the case to express "despair at seeing this haemorrhage of money".

Mr Justice Sedley said a hearing at which the Special Educational Needs Tribunal backed the council was flawed and should be held again. The tribunal could order the council to pay part of Hannah's education costs if the sum was no more than the cost of educating her in Britain.

Jack Rabinowicz, Mrs Cherrill's solicitor, said later that although the Higashi was the first choice for many parents of children with learning difficulties local authorities were reluctant to meet even part of the costs. "But the judge has accepted this is something which they must seriously consider."

Mrs Cherrill obtained private funding to send Hannah to the Higashi School, Boston, in September 1993. Hannah made considerable progress but had to return home last April when the money ran out.

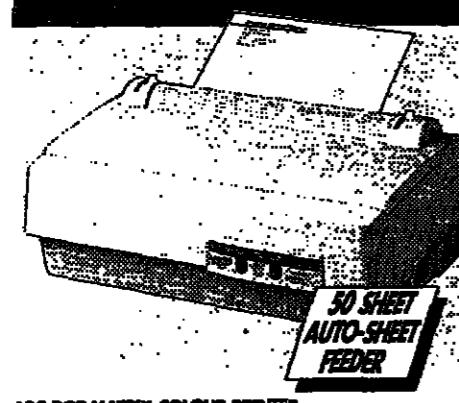
The judge said an "unhappy and wasteful deadlock" followed when the county council offered to fund Hannah's schooling retrospectively, but not at Higashi. Mrs Cherrill rejected what she regarded to be an "unsuitable" alternative offer of a place for Hannah as a £35,000-a-year day pupil at Lambs House special school, in Cheshire.

An unnamed benefactor offered to pay the difference between the costs of the English and American schools, but the education authority stood by its decision.

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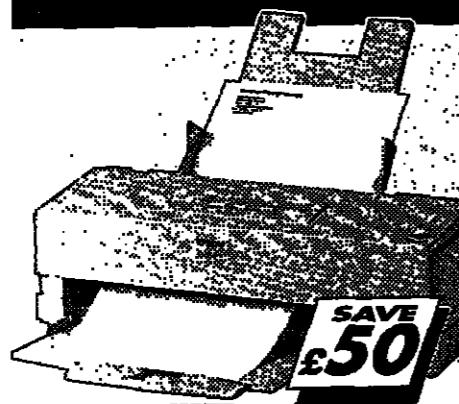


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BY ROBIN YOUNG

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Sainsbury's fillet steak £15.19 a kg, pork boneless loin chops £5.79 a kg, boneless chicken breast £3.95 for four, trout fillet £8.35 a kg, plums 64p a lb, Galia melons 74p each, apple juice £3.99 for 6 x 1lit. Somerfield: fillet steak £13.80 a kg, whole/half lamb shoulder £3.29 a kg, whole roast chicken £3.49 a kg, tomatoes 79p for 500g, sugar snap peas £1.09 for 200g, red potatoes 16p a lb for 2.5kg, mixed salad 49p for 100g. Tesco: sirloin of beef £3.99 a kg, half leg of lamb £5.39 a kg, pork loin steaks £5.39 a kg, salmon steaks £2.95 a kg, cod fillet £1.95 a kg, peaches and nectarines 19p each, cherries £1.74 a lb, white seedless grapes £1.49 for 454g.

Waitrose: British roasting beef £4.39 a kg, boneless chicken breasts £5.49 for six, smoked haddock fillets £2.95 a lb. Duke of York: new potatoes 75p a kg, sweetcorn 39p a kg, Bramley apples 49p a kg, raspberries £1.99 for 360g, squeezed Florida orange juice 75p for 750ml.

**Pilot describes air-drop killing**

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN RAF Hercules pilot told a court yesterday how he hit and killed an Army private while making an air-drop during a low-flying exercise.

Squadron Leader Michael Morison, 42, denies prosecution claims that he was buzzed ground crew in a game of "chicken".

Giving evidence at Bristol Crown Court, he described how he was distracted by a sudden instrument failure moments before the accident at South Cerney airfield, near Cirencester, Gloucestershire, on August 4, 1994.

When he looked up to the left of the aircraft's nose he saw a man standing on the roof of a lorry. There was an

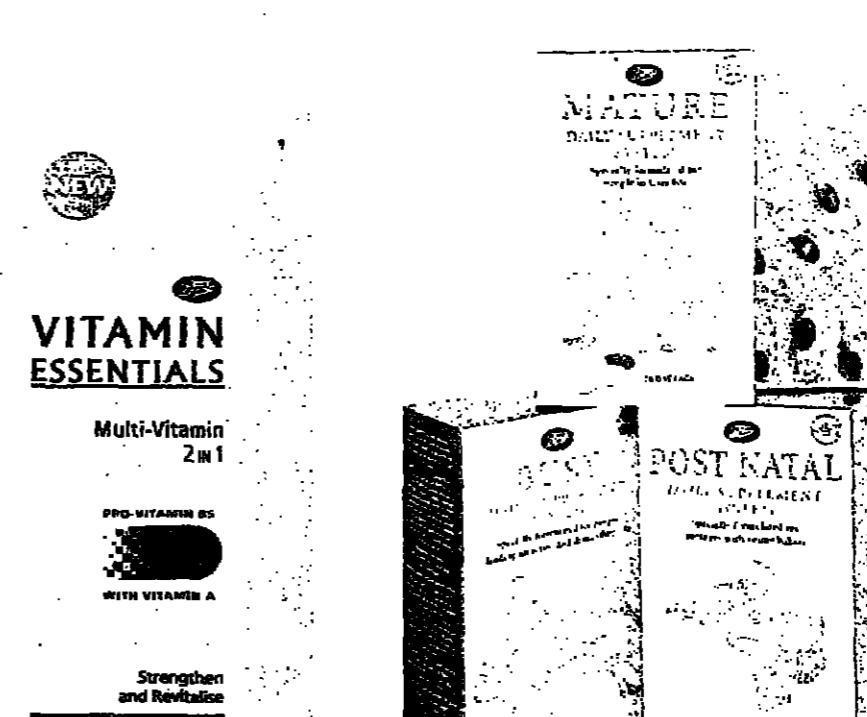
impact one or two seconds later. "I felt a thump through the airframe. I was horrified."

Earlier, Nigel Pascoe, QC, for the defence, told the jury: "This decent, responsible, likeable man was virtually incoherent on the ground immediately afterwards. We say this was a dreadful accident to which his flying might have contributed, but it was not a criminal act."

Asked by Mr Pascoe about low-flying regulations, Squadron Leader Morison said that, over approved drop zones, he considered he was authorised to fly as low as 10ft. The trial continues today.

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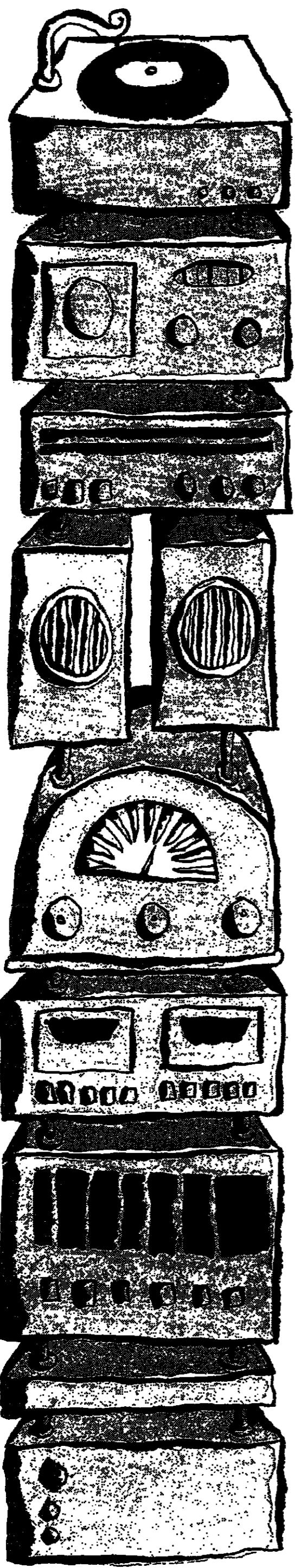
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# Indian households are top investors in the stock market

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

INDIANS have embraced Margaret Thatcher's vision of a share-owning democracy and are the keenest players of the stock market in Britain, according to a government survey disclosing the nation's saving habits.

Members of the Indian community are more likely to own stocks and shares than other groups and flocked to subscribe to the big Conservative privatisations of public utilities. Indian households also have a higher proportion of building society accounts than other ethnic groups.

However, their prosperity does not extend to all Asians. Among Indian households, 23 per cent have stocks and shares, compared with 21 per cent of whites, 12 per cent of blacks and 8 per cent of Pakistanis and Bangladeshis. Richard Berthoud, of the Policy Studies Institute, explained the differences by class and income: Pakistanis and Bangladeshis in Britain are particularly poor and blacks tend to have working-class jobs, while many Indians are middle-class.

Hopes that large numbers of Britons would become

ordinator of the Indian Workers' Association, a friendly society, said: "It's a question of priorities. I know English friends who have to have their annual two-week holiday. It doesn't occur to me that that's what I should do."

"My children are quite young, but I am thinking for the long term to leave them a nest-egg, because that is the way I was brought up."

The flotation of the building societies made many Indians instant shareholders because so many of them had savings accounts. They also bought into the privatised utilities as safe investments.

The Family Resources Survey, published by HMSO for the Department of Social Security, shows that nearly a third of British households have no savings and almost half have saved less than £1,500. The elderly have the most financial assets, with 30 per cent of pensioner couples having saved £20,000 or more, making them ineligible for free residential or nursing care if they need it.

Hopes that large numbers of Britons would become

shareholders have failed to materialise despite 17 years of Tory exhortations. Just over a fifth of households have any stocks or shares. Only one in nine has invested in Tessas.

The figures raise an intriguing question about the Scots. Although they are known to be almost as wealthy as the English and much richer than the Welsh, they have fewer savings and current accounts. Perhaps the stereotype of a canny Scot hiding his fortune under the mattress has some factual basis after all.

People in their early sixties are the most likely to own stocks and shares, Tessas and unit trusts. The over-80s are the best customers of Post Office accounts.

More 5 to 15-year-olds have Post Office savings (12 per cent) than single parents (10 per cent). However, only 7 per cent in their twenties have stocks and shares and only 12 per cent in their thirties. But 15 per cent of babies have a building society account before their first birthday.

□ Family Resources Survey (HMSO: £20)

## HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS BY ETHNIC GROUPS

TYPE OF ACCOUNT	% OF HOUSEHOLDS			
	WHITE	BLACK	INDIAN	PAKISTANI/ BANGLADESHI
Current account	78	60	79	61
Post Office account	14	5	9	4
Tessas	11	4	10	5
Other building society	58	48	59	28
Other bank account	20	12	14	12
Other accounts	2	2	2	2
Gifts	2	0*	1	0
Unit trusts	7	2	9	2
Stocks and Shares	21	12	23	8
National Savings Bonds	8	0*	3	2
Save as you earn	2	1	1	0
Premium Bonds	32	9	22	11
Any type of account	91	78	90	75
No accounts held	9	22	10	25

Source: Family Resources Survey (HMSO: £20)

## Cancer charity will put women in a more positive frame

PART of the pleasure of walking down Walton Street in Chelsea has been the opportunity of peering longingly through the window of Sarah Davenport's art gallery. Mrs Davenport has made a speciality of paintings of dogs. In her window huge canvases of Newfoundland dogs and lean Victorian greyhounds have jostled with watercolours by Samuel Howett and cushions embroidered with pictures of bulldogs.

The gallery has been taken

over by another dealer, who judging from the present exhibition is not at all interested in dogs. All of Mrs Davenport's pictures, both from the gallery and her private collection, are being sold at Bonhams on October 10 to fund a new charity, the Breast Cancer Trust, which will be associated with Charing Cross Hospital in London.

Mrs Davenport is to devote her time and money to the charity, which will be particularly concerned with the emotional and other psychological problems that face women who need to have breast surgery. From the experience of her friends, she has found that although the health service offers wonderful medical care it does not always give

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cancer. It is less well known that ten years after stopping the Pill a woman who had previously taken it is at no increased risk of developing breast cancer. Nor is it appreciated that women who take the Pill tend to have cases of breast cancer diagnosed earlier, and therefore probably have a better chance of making a complete recovery.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Soccer star cleared of assault

The Manchester United player Nicky Butt was cleared of headbutting a love rival. A jury at Manchester Crown Court found him not guilty of assaulting Peter Oldbury, 26, in the toilet of a Chinese restaurant.

Mr Oldbury, who once dated the player's girlfriend, Shelly Barlow, had claimed that the player broke his nose in an unprovoked attack. But Mr Butt, 21, of Heaton Mersey, Greater Manchester, told the court that the "envious" Mr Oldbury was the one who had been causing trouble since he started seeing Ms Barlow in 1993.

### Scott restoration

The Scott Monument in Edinburgh is to be restored with the help of a £1.6 million lottery grant. The work will take 16 months and is expected to start next spring.

### Ecstasy charges

Two Britons have been charged in Sydney with importing Ecstasy. Richard Meston, 19, and Ian Hines, 23, of Romford, east London, were remanded in custody.

### Overwork award

June Telford, a Newcastle upon Tyne hotel worker, has won a £3,000 payout after being sacked for working too hard. Employers claimed it was endangering her health.

### Woman freed

A woman jailed for contempt of court after hitting a barrister with a can of peas was freed yesterday by the Court of Appeal, which cut her three-month sentence to 28 days.

### Toddler to rescue

A girl of 3 rang 999 after her mother fell downstairs and gave her address in Portsmouth. Ambulance staff found that Abigail Harfield's mother had fallen because of flu.

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## Lung bypass is shown to halve baby death rate

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH  
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE lives of dozens of newborn babies with potentially fatal lung problems have been saved by a controversial new lung-bypass machine, doctors said yesterday.

The results of a nationwide study into extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), published for the first time today in *The Lancet*, show that the machine, which costs more than £50,000, almost halves the death rate for babies with respiratory problems.

The ECMO is a life-support machine which allows a baby's lungs to rest. A line is put into the baby's heart through the artery in the neck, and its blood is withdrawn, oxygenated and pumped back into the body. The treatment, which is usually needed for five to six days, costs an average of £20,000 per baby.

About 200 babies a year are born with conditions such as high blood pressure in the lungs or pneumonia, which could be treated using ECMO. Many are at death's door by the time they reach the hospital and transporting them is a high-risk business.

Initially British paediatricians were sceptical about the machine, which was introduced to Britain from the United States six years ago. Many doctors believed that it had little to offer over conventional ventilator and drug treatments. But a £1.2 million study funded by the Government shows that the system is



Success story: Declan McMeekin and his father

a success and that many more babies may be saved in future.

The machine is available at only five hospitals in Britain: Glenfield Hospital, Leicester; the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, London; Freeman Hospital, Newcastle upon Tyne; King's College Hospital, London; and the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Yorkhill, Glasgow.

Colin Davis, a consultant paediatric surgeon at the Glasgow hospital, said the randomised study showed that, of the 93 babies given ECMO treatment, 32 per cent died compared with 59 per cent death rate for the 92 babies given conventional treatment. In total 63 hospitals participated in the study by

assessing patients and sending them to the ECMO hospitals.

The data was independently assessed by the eminent epidemiologist Sir Richard Doll, who called a halt to the study last November when it became apparent that ECMO offered the best treatment for seriously ill newborn babies with lung problems.

Mr Davis said the Glasgow hospital, which was one of the pioneers in the study, had treated 66 children from all over Britain with ECMO and had an 80 per cent success rate with newborn babies.

The hospital has three ECMO machines, one of which is kept in reserve. It has trained 22 nurses in the specialised technique and each ECMO patient needs full-time care from two nurses.

Dr Charles Skeoch, a consultant paediatric physician at the Glasgow hospital who took part in the pioneering study, said the clear-cut results meant that he could approach parents in the confident knowledge that the ECMO machine was the best hope for their babies.

"This is the first study that has really made a difference to my neonatal practice," he said.

"Now I can say, 'This machine is the best chance your baby has.'"



Amanda Noon with daughters Shanice, left, whose life was saved, and Whitney

## Ailing boy showed instant response

WHEN Declan McMeekin was born by emergency Caesarean section on November 2, 1993, doctors at Bellshill Maternity hospital, Lanarkshire, realised that there was a serious problem with his lungs.

In the womb he had inhaled meconium, the sticky waste product most babies expel in their first nappy, and was close to death. When his mother first saw him he was in intensive care, lying motionless with his eyes closed.

The next day doctors were extremely concerned about his survival and Maureen and Stephen McMeekin were asked if they would take part in the ECMO trial.

Initially they were sceptical. "I felt Declan had been through so much already," Mrs McMeekin said. "Declan is now a healthy, normal two-year-old and so the trauma at the time was worthwhile."

anything else. I felt he had had enough."

She and her husband realised, however, that ECMO could be the baby's last chance. Declan was taken to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow and put on ECMO. "He picked up immediately," Mrs McMeekin, 26, said. "In Bellshill he had been lying lifeless. On ECMO he opened his eyes."

Declan was sedated but awake, allowing his parents to care for him. He came off the ECMO machine after five days and was home after five weeks old.

The treatment was not without stresses. Mr McMeekin's weight dropped by two stone and for a time he lost the power of speech. Mrs McMeekin said: "Declan is now a healthy, normal two-year-old and so the trauma at the time was worthwhile."

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# Blair and Major remain coy over pay rise plans

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY Blair kept his MPs guessing last night over whether he will accept the 26 per cent pay rise or repeat his past rejection of anything above the inflation rate.

John Major also kept his intentions to himself. Officials said that the question of whether he took the rise was a "private matter".

Mr Blair, who argued for no more than 3 per cent, did not make clear whether he will accept the £17,000 a year extra that he is now entitled to. Last year he declined to take the 4.7 per cent increase approved by MPs, but yesterday he avoided spelling out his intentions. His pay is due to increase from £6,000 to £83,000 immediately, with the prospect of rising to £98,000 after the election if he is in opposition, or £143,000 if he becomes Prime Minister.

Several MPs have already pledged either to turn down the pay increase, pass it to their staff or give it to charity.

The continuing confusion over pay came after a complex string of late-night votes in which MPs rejected government attempts to limit them to a 3 per cent rise and overwhelmingly voted for an extra £9,000 a year.

The decisions brought charges of hypocrisy against MPs yesterday, with public sector workers whose salaries have been squeezed for several years leading the attack. Union leaders said they would be demanding similar rises for their members.

Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of Unison, said: "We don't expect plaster saints of our MPs, but if they are trying to set an example they ought to think about this. Let's take the statutory minimum wage. I know that people in that House in the future are going to say millions of people are not worth £4.26 an hour. Then to say they are worth a 26 per cent

increase — that is what I find objectionable."

Although ministers said they were disappointed that their calls for pay restraint had been ignored, there was relief that MPs had not brought the Commons into disrepute by voting themselves a double bonus.

In the dying moments of a highly charged pay debate, Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons, pleaded with MPs not to "cherry pick" the best recommendation from the Senior Salaries Review Body. But a cross-party alliance of 29 MPs tried to do just that, pressing for the 26 per cent pay rise while opposing a cut in their generous car mileage allowance, which has a top rate of 74p a mile.

Those MPs from the more remote constituencies claimed that the high mileage allowance was justified because they needed larger cars for long-distance travel. Some say



that the reduction will cost them up to £6,000.

Those MPs who voted to keep the higher mileage allowance and have a £9,000 pay rise were:

Conservative: David Ashby (Leicestershire NW), Robert Atkins (South Ribble), David Atkinson (Bournemouth E), Hartley Booth (Finchley), Michael Brown (Bridgend), Christopher Chope (Caversham SW), William Cash (Sleaford), Neil Hamilton (Tatton), Warren Hastings (Halesowen and Stourbridge), Alan Howarth (Brentwood and Ongar), Tony Sweeney (Vale of Glamorgan), Peter Temple-Morris (Lancaster), Sir Jerry Wiggin (Merton-Super-Marsh), Ann Winterton (Macclesfield), Nicholas Winter (Macclesfield).

Labour: Eric Clarke (Midlothian), Bill Etherington (Sunderland North), George Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon

Valley), George Galloway (Glasgow Hillhead), Ian Grahame (West Lothian), Peter Kinnock (Liverpool Walton), John McMillan (Blyden), Martin O'Neill (Clackmannan), Tom Pender (Southbridge and Hyndburn), Michael Portillo (Croydon), Terry Rees (Bradford N), Robert Worsley (Liverpool West Derby).

Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw) voted for both but has pledged to give his additional support to the 26 per cent.

Liberal Democrat: Alan Carlile (Montgomery).

Labour: John Battle (Leeds W), Michael Clapham (Barnsley W and Penistone), Tom Cox (Tooting), Sam Galbraith (Stroud), Ian Gwynne (Brentford), David Hanson (Delyn), Dr Ken Howells (Pontypridd), Eric Bailey (Barnsley Central), Andrew Miller (Brentwood and Ongar), John H. Marsh (Worcester), David Morgan (Cardiff W), Robert Parris (Liverpool Riverhead), Alan Rogers (Runcorn), John Thompson (Warrington), John Trelawny (Plymouth), Tony Wright (Connock and Blundstone).

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## Messy affair leaves MPs with much to do

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Descretion is often the better part of getting re-elected. For virtually all their parliamentary years, MPs can hide behind their party whips on controversial votes. But they have had to stand up and be counted over their own pay, and the division lists for Wednesday's votes reveal fascinating patterns of caution and calculation.

They were not entirely free votes. The roughly 130 Tory MPs who form the payroll vote — ministers, whips, parliamentary private secretaries and national officers of the Tory party — were under orders to back restraint and 90 did so. The rest were away on government business, or given the wry by the whips that they could be off for the night. Just 27 Tory backbenchers out of 190 plus who had a genuinely free vote backed the 3 per cent restraint and several of these were ex-ministers like Sir Norman Fowler or Tom King.

By contrast, 124 Tory MPs voted against restraint. Later, Tory backbenchers split 117 to 18 in favour of the full 26 per cent pay rise recommended by the Senior Salaries Review Body. A couple of MPs, Michael Carriss and Sir Peter Lloyd, opposed both the 3 per cent restraint and the full pay rise.

These votes were not entirely random. MPs who have announced their intention to retire from the Commons were bolder than colleagues seeking re-election. They no longer need to worry about their constituents. A mere three retiring Tory MPs backed restraint while 45 voted against. Retiring Tories split 40 to 3 in favour of the full pay rise. This is not entirely disinterested since the final salaries of MPs determine pensions.

If MPs were acting rationally, those with safe seats would be more willing to vote for pay rises than those who are defending marginals. According to the calculations of Colin Railings and Michael Thurashier about how the 1992 results would have been affected by the new parliamentary boundaries, the Tories would have held 83 seats with majorities of 10 per cent or less. But

PETER RIDDELL

### MPs' PAY: HOW THEY VOTED

- The Government's motion calling on the House to back the principle of a 3 per cent pay rise was defeated by 317 votes to 168, a majority of 149.
- A 26 per cent pay rise for all MPs recommended by the review body was supported by 279 votes to 164, a majority of 115.
- Pay rises for ministers in line with the review body's recommendations were supported by 253 votes to 49, a majority of 204.
- A cross-party amendment providing for MPs who leave the

Commons after July 1 this year to be treated for pension purposes as if they had an annual salary of £45,000 was accepted by 302 votes to 123, a majority of 179.

□ The recommendation that car mileage allowances be reduced from a top rate of 74p a mile to a uniform rate of 47.2p for all sizes of car was accepted by 376 votes to 39, a majority of 337.

□ A government motion raising office allowances by more than £2,000 to £48,363 was accepted by 215 votes to 188, a majority of 26.

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# Serbs savour sour victory in battered Srebrenica

AS MILITARY achievements go, the capture of Srebrenica, involving the forced expulsion of some 50,000 civilians and the massacre of up to 8,000 Muslim men, may have left much to be desired, but yesterday the Serbs celebrated the anniversary of its "liberation" seemingly undeterred.

Though the streets were hardly festive, awash instead with brown water as a bruised sky unloaded torrential rain onto the battered eastern Bosnian town, a few dozen Serb die-hards and local officials packed into the town hall to be entertained with songs from a children's choir, a short play, and an exhibition of photographs.

"When I see my village I know it is Serbia," went the ragged chorus line of one song. The audience applauded enthusiastically. Although most of them were themselves strangers to Srebrenica, having moved in when the Muslim majority disappeared last July, the irony of their patriotism was lost on them.

"I'm happy the Muslims have gone, and I hope they never come back," said Oriana, 15, one of the choir. She was from Olovio to the southwest, and had never been to Srebrenica before the war. When told there was little chance of their return as all the men were dead, she shrugged nonchalantly and stated, predictably, that it was the Serbs who had lost thousands.

Piles of the latest edition of the local newspaper, *Our Word*, remained for the most part untouched in the foyer.

## Arrest of two war leaders ordered

By BEN MACINTYRE

THE Bosnian war crimes tribunal at The Hague yesterday issued international arrest warrants for Radovan Karadžić and Ratko Mladić, making the two Bosnian Serb leaders international fugitives from justice, and possibly opening the way for a commando operation to capture them.

The warrants, issued by tribunal judge Claude Jorda a year after the two men were first indicted for genocide, means they can be arrested in any UN member country. They are now, in effect, trapped within the Bosnian Serb republic.

The issuing of international arrest warrants will renew pressure on the major powers to bring about the capture of the Bosnian Serb leader and his military commander. Senior Western diplomats meeting in London on Wednesday agreed jointly that the "right place for Dr Karadžić is The Hague", and the option of mounting a military "snatch" operation to bring the two men to trial has been dis-



**Anthony Loyd** reports from Srebrenica on a Serb celebration as Muslim refugees, now in Tuzla, remembered the day their menfolk disappeared

Its headline ran "Srebrenica Forever Serbia", though as it was already a month old it had lost a little of its impact.

The Serb dead were honoured, but there was a mass amnesia regarding the events leading to the slaughter of the Muslims.

Serbs living beside roads on which thousands of men were driven blindfolded in open trucks last July recalled nothing of the event.

Those living in the immediate vicinity of any of the scattered execution sites said they could not imagine why war crimes investigators had appeared with pathologists and digging equipment.

"If there are bodies there, then they are Serb bodies of men killed by the Muslims," said Branimir, 15, a schoolboy. "I don't believe there was any massacre."

It was only the chance remark of a councillor, overheard as he complained to a colleague about the work of the war crimes investigators, that gave any hint of a sullied conscience: "We might all as well go to The Hague now and have done with it," he murmured.

Some 18 miles down the road, at Cerska, the soil being turned by the spades of one such investigation team smelled as sour as the Serbs'

fruits of victory. Bodies, little more than skeletons held together by mud-stained clothing, appeared from the earth in the tumbled, grotesque postures of those who had been buried violently.

So far they remain in situ, marked by the small red flags of the war crimes unit, and were it not for the smell, a sickly stench of decay that gusts upwards with each new corpse uncovered, and the gravity on the faces of those digging, the scene could resemble an archaeological dig.

"If you can smell it from where you stand," one of the diggers remarked to journalists as he knelt over a skull twisted beneath him, "imagine what I smell here."

Though the atmosphere in Serb-held eastern Bosnia may be one of a lingering evil, the overriding impression is one of emptiness. There is no traffic, the streets of Srebrenica are empty, village after village burnt and deserted.

The missing people, those still alive, are in Tuzla, where up to 6,000 Serb women commemorated their own anniversary in the presence of Queen Noor of Jordan.

She was at the head of a delegation of other prominent international women who arrived at the industrial town

to mark the first anniversary of the fall of Srebrenica with its bereaved refugees and to show their support.

Packing into a sports stadium, groups of women fainted in the emotion-charged atmosphere as videos of their town were shown, including a clip of the notorious moment when General Ratko Mladić, the Bosnian Serb commander, assured the inhabitants of Srebrenica that they would all be safe.

Queen Noor spoke of the need for justice and hope, and a letter from President Clinton was read, condemning the "barbaric terror" the Bosnian Muslims had endured.

Whatever the outcome of The Hague investigation, at best it may only punish a tiny fraction of those responsible for the massacre at Srebrenica, which is held to be the worst single war atrocity in Europe since 1945.

More of a sense of justice may be found in the future fortunes of those that fought in the fragmented state. There are two worlds today in Bosnia, separated by the checkpoints of Nato troops. The bumbling Muslim sector, for all its loss, seems one of economic revival, hope and faith.

The Serb world is one of destitution, bitterness and tortured psychosis; a dark emptiness where they eke out a living among the bones of their victims.

It seems that what they feared they hated: now that they have purged themselves of every trace of their fears, they have nothing left at all. Maybe that is justice.



Queen Noor, left, EU Commissioner Emma Bonino, centre, and Swane Hunt, US Ambassador to Austria, arrive at Tuzla airport yesterday as world women leaders joined Muslim refugees on the first anniversary of Srebrenica's fall

## Arrest of two war leaders ordered

By BEN MACINTYRE

cussed in Washington. Hearings into the genocide indictment ended last Monday, after a succession of witnesses described the horror of the Serb "ethnic cleansing" campaign. Prosecutors accused the Bosnian Serb leaders of planning and co-ordinating the campaign, and one witness alleged that General Mladić personally witnessed mass executions of Muslims.

Rather than relying on the Serbian authorities to bring the alleged war criminals to justice, every UN country is now obliged to comply with the warrants.

"The question is what people will do with these arrest warrants," Mohamed Sacirbey, Bosnia's UN ambassador, said yesterday. "Neither the living nor the dead have justice now."

Any hope Dr Karadžić and General Mladić may have had of heading into comfortable exile evaporated yesterday, since any country sheltering the two would lay itself open to the full wrath of the international community.



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# Moscow bomb raises Chechen tensions

## Mine kills Russian general as fighting flares up again

By THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A RUSSIAN general was killed by a landmine in Chechnia yesterday and five people were hurt by a bomb on a trolleybus in Moscow within a month. On June 11 a bomb on the Moscow metro killed four people and injured 11. No one has been charged with that bombing.

The trolleybus, which was just off Pushkin Square in the heart of Moscow, was reduced to a blackened shell by the bomb left in a bag of vegetables. Although it was the morning rush hour, few people were on board and casualties could have been much higher.

Passengers spotted the unattended bag and after they handed it to the driver it blew up, badly burning him, witnesses and officials said. "It is just a miracle that the driver

remained alive," a policeman said. No one claimed responsibility for the explosion, the second on public transport in Moscow within a month. On June 11 a bomb on the Moscow metro killed four people and injured 11. No one has been charged with that bombing.

The explosion coincided with an upsurge of fighting in Chechnia in which General Nikolai Skripnik, deputy commander of Interior Ministry troops in the North Caucasus, died after his armoured personnel carrier hit a mine near the village of Gekhi, 20 miles southwest of Grozny, the Chechen capital. Dokha Makhayev, a Chechen field commander, was also reportedly killed in fighting near the village, which Russian troops have been shelling since Tuesday.

There was speculation in Moscow that the trolley bomb may have been planted either by a separatist fighter or by someone wanting to pin blame on the Chechens. However, there has not been a single proven incident of Chechen terrorism in the Russian capital since the start of the war in Chechnia in December 1994.

This is ascribed to the strong hand of the local Chechens who fear that any terrorist incident would damage their business interests.

The bomb went off just after

said that part of General Lebed's new duties would be to advise President Yeltsin on the background of candidates for any new important post — a job that might give him enormous influence over some state or defence appointments.

The general did not mention Chechnia when he condemned the bombing yesterday. He called the explosion "a



Police examine the trolleybus destroyed by a bomb in Moscow yesterday. Five people were hurt in the blast

mad, mindless, terrorist act aimed at destabilising the situation in the country".

General Lebed said that he was "ready to discuss peace with anyone and take certain steps in that direction", including the separatist leadership, during his visit to Chechnia next week. But he also spoke out for the hawkish General Yevgeny Tikhonov who

initiated the latest fighting, saying he had been forced to go on the offensive.

President Yeltsin, who signed a truce with Mr Yandarbiyev in May, fearing that the conflict could upset his chances for re-election, has failed to address the fresh outburst of violence from his post-election seclusion. Liberal press commentators

yesterday attacked Mr Yeltsin over the upsurge of fighting in Chechnia. "Yeltsin has not kept his promise," the popular *Moskovsky Komsomolets* said in a front-page article. "Yeltsin needed peace with the separatists only to win the elections." *Komsomolskaya Pravda* said: "After the 'make-believe peace' in Chechnia, war has resumed for real."



Lebed: backed renewed offensive in Chechnia

## Rome's espresso society embraces pub culture's rough charm

FROM RICHARD OWEN  
IN ROME

THE traditional Italian café is facing a growing threat from an invasion of "British-style" pubs, to which young Italians are increasingly turning to slake their thirsts on hot summer days.

There are now more than 200 pubs in Rome, and a growing number in other major cities such as Milan. Some are ordinary bars with a sign saying "pub" hung outside to cash in on the sudden vogue for

locali anglosassoni. But many have names such as the Fiddler's Elbow, the Victoria and the Druid's Den.

Inside are plush red seating, dark paneling, barmaids and real ale. There is also a plethora of Irish theme pubs, with names like the St Patrick's, the Black Duke and Flann O'Briens, and some Scottish pubs such as The Mull of Kintyre and the St Andrew's.

Pubs have existed in Rome as in other European cities, since the 1960s. But the mushrooming of bars — the term covers Scotland

and Ireland as well) is becoming a threat to trattorias and wine bars as young Italians turn their backs on Italy's wine culture in favour of

lager, bitter or a cool pint of Guinness. The music on tap varies from Celtic bagpipes to jazz and rap.

Some Roman "landlords" complain that the brash new arrivals are a travesty compared to the handful of long-established pubs which carefully reproduce the real thing. At our own local, The Proud Lion — in the shadow of the Vatican — Stefano, the owner, is contemptu-

ous of the pubs which have sprung up in the centre and which often vanish as swiftly as they appear.

"A real pub is not a gimmick, it is a place where regulars can leave messages and answer the telephone," says Stefano, who spent time in Edinburgh learning the trade. His pub is full of Scottish motifs, and a fridge full of bottled beers is disguised as a red British telephone box.

Stefano serves draft beer and stout in pints — just over half a litre — and his clients include occasional

Irish priests from the Vatican, where there used to be a bar in the Basilica until it was closed a few years ago.

The growing fashion for pubs is making inroads into Italy's café culture. Darts tournaments are catching on, as are bar snacks and blackboards listing the beers and ales available. The phenomenon has even spread from the centre to the Rome suburbs.

Romans, mostly youngsters, consume 300,000 barrels of beer a year, nine-tenths of it imported from Britain, Denmark and other beer-producing countries.

The move to beer has not, so far, brought undue rowdiness with it. Public drunkenness is still frowned on in Italy, where it is more important to cut a *bella figura*.

"We Italians are Anglophiles, but the image of England we admire is perhaps an outdated one," a customer said. "We like to sit here and imagine we are in one of those film versions of an Edwardian novel by E.M. Forster. Except for the rap music, that is."

Spain will not be caught napping

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN  
IN MADRID

A FOREIGN visitor to urban Spain will be struck by the absence of that languid and civilised custom, the mid-afternoon siesta.

This is not to say that city-dwelling Spaniards "detest a siesta" in the manner of Noel Coward's *Mad Dogs and Englishmen*. Instead, the virtual extinction of the siesta shows that the practices and pressures of a modern Western economy have at last taken firm root in Spanish soil.

"Spain's entry into the European Community in 1986 in effect killed off the siesta, at least for the urban professional classes," explains Jaime Bugallal, a tax consultant in Madrid.

"This country had to hold its own against the British and the Germans, and the siesta was getting in the way."

Señor Bugallal's wife, Marisa, an architect, says she has "not had a decent week-day siesta for years".

Not everyone approves of the change, however. Ricardo López Polidura, 74, a retired businessman from Oza de los Ríos in Galicia — Spain's Celtic northwestern province — believes that too many American and Anglo-Saxon customs have invaded Spain. "The siesta is a fine Spanish invention, and if I can put it like this, a most healthy sport," he says.



Coward: "Englishmen detest a siesta"

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## US deal removes last obstacle to reshaping Lloyd's

BY SARAH BAGNALL

LLOYD'S of London yesterday overcame the last remaining major obstacle to the success of its radical £1.4 billion restructuring by striking a deal with American regulators.

In return for a £40 million sweetener payable by Lloyd's to American names, US authorities have agreed a framework deal aimed at ending a string of legal disputes.

The framework agreement was signed yesterday morning just

hours before the 12-strong committee of the Gooda Walker Action Group delivered an unanimous recommendation to its 3,000 members to accept their share of Lloyd's £1.4 billion settlement offer, which forms part of the restructuring plan.

The action taken by GWAG members is crucial to the success of the settlement offer.

Lloyd's restructuring plan had been under threat from legal actions in America, centring on allegations that a Lloyd's investment is a

security and so contravenes US securities law. The fear was that US state securities regulators would bar Lloyd's 2,700 American names from participating in the settlement offer.

David Rowland, chief executive, said: "This agreement removes the final significant obstacle to the resolution of our past problems. I am delighted that we have been able to achieve this through negotiation and compromise, rather than through litigation."

The agreement was signed by the

North American Securities Administrators Association (Nasaa) Coordinating Committee, which represents the state securities regulators in all 50 American states. The next stage is for the individual states to accept the terms of the framework agreement.

For the deal to be finalised, 18 specific states have to sign up. These states are those that have started legal actions or announced that they intend to.

In order for the full £40 million sweetener to be paid to Nasaa, for

use in reducing American names' bills from about £250 million, states representing at least 80 per cent of names must accept the framework offer.

Michael Deeny, GWAG chairman, said that "no amount of money can ever compensate names for what they have gone through" but he urged names to "put aside their anger" and accept the offer.

Mr Deeny said that, under the terms of the offer, GWAG names were getting more than the High

Court judge ruled they were entitled to and far more than they could ever hope to receive in cash. Litigating GWAG names were getting 97 per cent of their £540 million GWAG losses and 74 per cent of all their syndicate losses, he said.

An indication of whether the Lloyd's settlement offer is likely to fail or not will be seen on Monday when names vote at Lloyd's annual meeting on whether to pay a special contribution towards the settlement offer.

## SIB may remove trust net

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE Securities and Investments Board is considering plans to scrap the 14-day "cooling-off period" for unit trusts, which allows investors to cancel their policy up to a fortnight after signing up.

The SIB is examining whether "cooling off" is still an important piece of consumer protection, or whether new regulations introduced by the Financial Services Act make it unnecessary for investors in a unit trust or a unit trust personal equity plan (Pep).

The SIB says that it has anecdotal evidence that only a small proportion of investors in unit trusts or Peps exercise their right to withdraw during the cooling-off period. A much higher proportion cancel their pension or life policy, especially those who signed up for single premium life insurance.

The SIB review will consider whether benefits for the consumer of the period are worth the cost to the investment house. It has been prompted by the advent of Oeics — open-ended investment companies, with no cooling-off period.

The unit trust industry is thought to favour abolishing the cooling-off period because it feels that the cost of informing investors outweighs the benefits. An alternative would be to retain it, but put information about the right to cancel in the main "key features" document, rather than mailing separate notices.

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## Inflation drops to lowest for 30 months

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND JANET BUSH

HIGH STREET sales in their strongest performance since January 1990 last month, but Britain's inflation rate still fell to a 30-month low.

The Confederation of British Industry's latest distributor trades survey, published today, shows that all sectors, except specialist food shops, reported a rise in sales compared with a year ago. Booksellers and stationers and sectors closely related to the housing market, including hardware, china, DIY, furniture, carpets and household goods, showed "marked" increases in sales.

Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades survey panel, said: "The growth in retail trade gathered pace in June as improving confidence among consumers was reflected in higher spending."

But there is no sign of strengthening consumer demand leading to higher prices, and the City said that there is a good chance of another base-rate cut at the next monetary meeting on July 30.

The Office for National Statistics reported yesterday that headline inflation fell to 2.1 per cent, from 2.2 per cent in May, the lowest level since December 1993, mainly because of lower housing costs.

The underlying rate, which the Government aims to keep at 2.5 per cent or lower, remained unchanged at 2.8 per cent. Food prices rose more this year than last, partly because cold spring weather made many vegetables and fruit more expensive, and there were also higher prices for alcohol and house-hold goods.

Angela Knight, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said that Britain was set fair for the low-inflation future described in the Chancellor's Summer Economic Forecast on Tuesday. This predicted that underlying inflation would fall to 2.5 per cent by the end of this year, and to 2.25 per cent early next year. The optimism on inflation comes in spite of the belief that growth is set to accelerate, fuelled by greater consumer demand, and the two latest sets of figures appear to bear out hopes of this golden combination.

Although the Government targets underlying inflation, wage settlements tend to reflect the headline rate. Simon Briscoe, economist at Nikko Europe, said: "The weakness of the headline rate suggests that pay settlements will fall further and holds out the hope of a virtuous circle developing. The upward pressure on public expenditure in this summer's negotiations will also be less."

Earlier this week there was another encouraging set of producer price figures showing that inflationary pressures in industry have waned dramatically. With underlying producer output inflation now running well below underlying retail price inflation, the RPI should show further falls in the months ahead.

Geoffrey Dicks of NatWest Markets said that in spite of obvious signs of rising demand, another slight fall in the headline rate in June may be seen as facilitating another cut in interest rates.

Today's CBI survey is the ninth in succession that has shown retail sales volumes rising. Mr Eperon gave a warning that, while such growth was "encouraging", particularly because retailers are expecting the rate of growth to be maintained this month, recent expectations had been disappointed.

However, today's survey suggests that underlying retail growth, which has been broadly stable since the start of the year, is now resuming its upward path, with the three-monthly moving average of retail sales volumes rising from a net 2.9 per cent to 3.5 per cent.

Motor traders reported their strongest growth in sales since February 1994, in spite of expectations of a small fall, though sales growth is expected to moderate this month in the run-up to the new licence prefix in August.

Among wholesalers, sales volumes continued to rise, though at a slower pace than had been expected. Stock remain excessive in relation to demand.

The Chancellor is expecting consumer spending to grow by 3.25 per cent this year, and by 4.25 per cent in 1997.

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## Tuckey to end link with ING

BY ROBERT MILLER

ANDREW TUCKEY, who was deputy chairman of Barings at the time of the £530 million crash, yesterday confirmed that he would sever his controversial link with ING, the Dutch owner of the merchant bank, at the end of the month.

Mr Tuckey, together with Peter Baring, his chairman, resigned from Barings shortly after the collapse. Almost immediately afterwards, he was taken on again as a corporate finance consultant to advise on such deals as the £6 billion takeover of TSB Group by Lloyds Bank.

Earlier this year, Mr Tuckey agreed with the Securities and Futures Authority, the watchdog for brokers and futures traders, to restrict his City role in the "foreseeable future" to corporate finance.

Shortly after Mr Tuckey, 52, retired on an annual pension of about £120,000.

Tuckey, consultant

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## Better marks for M&S

BY CLARE STEWART

FIRST-QUARTER UK sales at Marks & Spencer rose by 8.6 per cent, while international sales increased by 10.7 per cent. Sir Richard Greenbury, Marks & Spencer's chairman, told shareholders yesterday at the group's annual meeting: "There are now signs that the consumer is finally coming out of the trenches."

Sir Richard paid tribute to

staff, particularly those affected by the Manchester bombing, which severely damaged its store in the Arndale Centre. He confirmed that Marks & Spencer hoped to open two temporary stores in the City in time for Christmas.

When questioned on ladieswear marketing, Sir Richard acknowledged that mistakes were made last year. He said: "We were possibly too fashion-led in the spring."

But in response to a shareholder's criticism of the quality of ladies clothes, he pointed to the group's strong sales last year, which he added was "a bumper year."

Marks & Spencer is continuing its legal action against Granada Television, after allegations made in its World in Action programme earlier this year.

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## Somerfield chiefs see huge bonuses

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

SOMERFIELD, the supermarket chain which is to raise £540 million to £570 million from its flotation, will pay executive directors as much as £13 million in bonuses if the sale is a success.

David Simons, chief executive, is set to receive a bonus of between £5.06 million and £5.66 million before tax. Directors will also receive share options, worth approximately four times their salary, exercisable after three years. A further long-term incentive plan, worth the equivalent of five times each director's salary in shares, is linked to earnings per-share growth.

Andrew Thomas, chairman of the Greensells group, will become non-executive chairman of Somerfield on its listing.

However, the company suffered a blow yesterday when the latest ACB survey of food retailers showed Somerfield's market share declining in June

to its lowest level in two years. Mr Simons countered that "current trading is ahead of expectations and like-for-like sales are improving".

The proceeds from the flotation will pay off £192 million of Somerfield Holdings debts and, after expenses, up to £300 million of the debts of the Isosceles group, of which Somerfield is a part. This will cover all of Isosceles's senior debt and a small part of its £500 million junior debt. All connections with Isosceles will be severed after the flotation.

Somerfield also announced that it is to sign a contract with Elf Oil to set up mini-supermarkets on its petrol station forecourts. It will start with a trial at up to five stations.

The company intends to offer 300 million shares at between 180p and 190p. The final price will be set on July 26. Dealings begin on August 2.

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## High-tech nerves send Wall Street tumbling

BY GEORGE SIVELL

WALL STREET fell heavily last night. An hour before the close the Dow Jones industrial average was registering a fall of around 120 points. The plunge continued despite activation earlier in the day of the New York Stock Exchange limits on computer driven trading, usually triggered by a fall in the Dow of more than 50 points.

Dealers attributed the fall to a sell-off by investors of technology stocks. Managed healthcare stocks were also particularly weak. Main source of disappointment was an announcement from Hewlett Packard. Before

the start of trading the computer and electronics company warned the market of slower order growth. Hewlett Packard also said it was getting out of the manufacture of disc drives and would be taking a pre-tax charge of \$150 million to cover the cost.

Hewlett Packard's bad news came just two days after Motorola Inc reported a steeper than expected 32 per cent decline in second-quarter profits. In recent weeks, a number of other high-technology companies have warned investors of a slowdown in profits and revenues as a result of

weaker demand for personal computers or oversupply of computer chips. The warnings have Wall Street on alert for the forthcoming results season. "The next few months could be really bumpy," said Douglas Cliggott, senior investment strategist at Merrill Lynch. "Up until a few weeks ago or even a couple of months ago earnings expectations were so positive." Another broker said that from now on "rallies on Wall Street should be regarded as corrections in a downward market as people raise cash." Traders on Wall Street are also

becoming increasingly nervous that the Federal Reserve will soon have to raise interest rates. Buoyant American employment figures, announced on Friday last week, caused a fall of more than 100 points. The figures were announced within 48 hours of a decision by the Federal Open Market Committee to leave interest rates unchanged. Economists maintain that if the committee members had seen the job figures then they would have been forced into raising interest rates

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# EEF shrugs off fears of 48-hour week ruling

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE adverse impact of a maximum 48-hour working week can be minimised if the Government adopts the most flexible options of the European directive on working time, engineering employers said yesterday.

The EEF, which represents employers in the engineering sector, broke ranks with other employers' bodies yesterday when it suggested that careful implementation of the directive could minimise its impact to the point where it had little, if any, effect on most UK companies. The EEF, however, maintains its opposition to the directive.

Reflecting on the practical reality of the planned European directive, rather than the political rhetoric surrounding it, goes a long way to undercut the opposition to the move from the Government and especially from Conservative Euro-sceptics.

The Government is bracing itself for a forthcoming Euro-

pean Court judgement on the UK's legal appeal against the directive, which sets a 48-hour limit on the working week as well as laying down mandatory rest periods. Ministers believe the judgment, still possible later this month, but more likely to be delivered in September, will reject the UK's case.

Conservative Euro-sceptics, angry at what they see as a further extension of Europe's powers over Britain, are urging the Government to reject it, though government and independent legal advice suggests ministers have no ability to do so.

Regardless of the outcome of the court case, the directive will come into force on November 23, but employers believe that although the Government is likely to issue a consultation paper on it shortly after the court judgment, it will not become law in Britain this side of a general election, and probably not until early 1999.

Peter Reid, EEF European affairs co-ordinator, said that the directive offered considerable flexibilities for member states, including the UK. "The directive gives the UK Government scope to introduce it in a flexible way to bring in only the most minor changes in working practices," he said.

EEF leaders support the Government's legal appeal against the directive as a statement of principle, but believe Britain could better avoid the effects of the directive by preparing legislation to put it into UK law, taking full advantage of the available flexibilities.

Previous EEF advice to companies implementing the European works council directive has led to political criticism of the federation, but Mr Reid dismissed the idea that its new statement on working time would lead to similar attacks.



## Housing recovery lifts Colefax

By CLARE STEWART

RECOVERY in the housing market is lifting sales for Colefax and Fowler, the upmarket furnishings and fabrics group.

In the year to April, pre-tax profits rose by 20 per cent to £1.84 million on turnover of £38.9 million. Earnings rose by 24 per cent to 5.7p while a final dividend of 1.15p takes the total for the year to 1.9p.

The improvement came in spite of "difficult trading conditions in most major markets," said Mr Green. In the US, which accounts for 46 per cent of product sales such as wallpaper and fabrics, sales showed only a small increase.

UK sales were flat in difficult conditions although there is optimism that the improving housing market will "have a positive impact", Mr Green said. Sales in Europe grew by 12 per cent.

With a further cut in borrowings, which had reduced gearing to 16 per cent, and refocusing of the divisions, Colefax and Fowler "is in a strong position to expand profitably", he added. The shares closed up 3p, at 74p.

## Mandela helps to launch fund for African growth

By JON ASHWORTH

NELSON MANDELA joined Michael Heseltine at Marlborough House, London, yesterday at the launch of an investment fund aimed at channelling millions of dollars to unquoted companies in Africa. The Commonwealth Africa Investment Fund (Comafin), backed by an initial \$52.5 million, will target ventures in sub-Saharan Africa.

Comafin is backed by the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC), Britain's overseas development finance institution. CDC operates in 50 countries, channelling funds into poorer nations, particularly those focusing on economic reforms. At the end of 1995, CDC had investments of £1.5 billion in 369 enterprises.

The Africa fund is the first in a planned series of regional investment funds to fall under the Commonwealth Private Investment Initiative, a pan-Commonwealth venture set up by finance ministers last year. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, said Comafin's aim

was to channel investment into new and emerging markets, and to stimulate small and medium-sized companies.

Chief Anyaoku said:

"Comafin is being launched at a timely juncture. Many Commonwealth African countries have implemented far-reaching economic reforms. A number of them are experiencing an improvement in their economic prospects. The courageous efforts of these countries need to be matched by initiatives to boost investment in their economies."

Each of the 19 Commonwealth countries in Africa will be eligible, subject to a maximum country limit of 25 per cent. South Africa will not be excluded despite its comparative wealth. No more than £6 million will be invested in any particular venture.

CDC has invested £25 million in Comafin. Lord Cairns, chairman of CDC, said investments would be monitored by CDC's regional offices. Comafin will be managed by a CDC subsidiary in Harare, Zimbabwe.

## PhoneLink losses grow

PHONELINK, the electronic information company best known for its Tel-Me business software, reported a pre-tax loss of £6.7 million, or 17.3p per share, in the year to March 31, against a loss of £3.7 million last time. Turnover more than doubled to £4.4 million. The company said the loss was expected and was the result of continued investment in marketing and its Tel-Me products, now used in 6,000 businesses. It said it expects to launch an "electronic commerce platform", allowing goods to be traded on Tel-Me, by the end of the year.

## New arrivals at Nynex

NYNEX CABLECOMMS, the second-largest cable company, yesterday appointed Sir Bryan Carsberg and Mel Meskin to its board of directors. Sir Bryan is secretary-general of the International Accountancy Standards Committee and former director-general of both Fair Trading and Telecommunications. Mr Meskin is Nynex's new vice-president of financial operations. Their appointments come at a time of rapid growth among the top cable companies, whose strategy is to compete with BT for telephony customers.

## Barratt sales rise 12%

BARRATT DEVELOPMENTS, the housebuilder, yesterday reported a 12 per cent rise in sales of new homes to more than 7,000 in the year to June 30. These figures were released as the company created three new divisions as part of a plan to further increase output to 11,000 homes a year. Frank Eaton, chief executive, said new house sales had increased by more than 40 per cent since 1993 in spite of difficult market conditions. Barratt now has 21 housebuilding divisions in the United Kingdom.

## GGT at six-year high

GGT GROUP, the international advertising agency and marketing services group formerly known as Gold Greenlees Trott, lifted pre-tax profits to £5.6 million from £4.5 million in the 12 months to April 30. The increase took GGT's profits to their highest level for six years. Earnings rose to 14.4p a share from 12.5p. There is a final dividend of 3.7p a share, lifting the total to 5.3p from 5.2p. The group operating margin improved to 10.2 per cent from 9.5 per cent.

## Caledonian postpones float

By ERIC REGULY

CALEDONIAN Publishing, owner of *The Herald* and the *Evening Times* newspapers in Scotland, postponed its flotation yesterday after receiving unsolicited bids from Scottish Television and at least one other potential purchaser. It said the bids valued the company at about £120 million.

Scottish Television, the ITV company of which Gus Macdonald is chairman and which is 20 per cent owned by the Mirror Group, publisher of the *Daily Record* in Scotland, said: "In discussions over recent months, the management of Scottish and Caledonian have identified many areas in which the quality and the profitability of their businesses could be enhanced through combining the two

companies." Caledonian's flotation was expected to value the company between £100 million and £110 million and a bidding war could take it significantly higher.

Analysts and newspaper executives said that other potential bidders might include the Barclay brothers, who own *The Scotsman* and *The European*, the *Daily Mail* & General Trust, and Trinity International Holdings.

Newsquest, the ambitious regional newspaper group that has submitted an offer for Pearson's Westminster Press division, has ruled itself out of the running. It believes that the outlook for regional newspapers in Scotland is not positive because many of the national dailies, including *The*

invest in new technology and reduce costs. About 150 of its 750 employees were made redundant.

The worst appears to be over and Caledonian, which is half owned by Robert Fleming and Co, is forecasting a pre-tax profit of £4.8 million in the year to the end of September 1996, compared with pre-tax profit of £3.9 million in the previous period.

Trinity Newspapers Southern, a subsidiary of Trinity International, has agreed to buy the three free distribution South East London Mercury titles from Westminster Press, subject to regulatory approval. The three titles are the *Leamington Mercury*, *Greenwich Mercury* and *Bexley Mercury*, which have a combined weekly distribution of 150,000 copies.

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Macdonald: discussions

Times, are trying to build up circulation there.

Caledonian was created in 1992 when its management bought it from Lonhro. The company had a rough start because it found it had to



STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

# High street stores send investors mixed signals

**CONSUMERS** are a fickle bunch, which may account for the mixed signals emanating from Britain's high street stores at the moment.

On Wednesday Dixons, the electrical goods retailer, grabbed the City's attention with impressive full-year profits and news of a sharp rise in sales at the start of the current year. Yesterday Dixons continued to build on this week's lead with a rise of 3p to 53.3p. It follows hard on the heels of a near 30 per cent jump in sales at the John Lewis Partnership.

By contrast there were few signs of improvement at Great Universal Stores, the Kays and Burberrys retailer, which ended the season 35p down at 63.7p after weighing in with pre-tax profits of £581 million. This was in line with expectations after the group issued a profit warning back in May. The company added to the gloom by announcing that profits after two months of the current year were broadly flat, with home shopping sales down on last year.

BZW wasted little time by cutting its forecast for the current year by £30 million to £600 million. Other brokers could hardly contain their disappointment at the absence of a special dividend, or share buyback programme designed to make use of the group's cash mountain, which at the last count was calculated at £1.2 billion.

Marks & Spencer closed 3p lower at 484p, with the market seemingly unimpressed by news of an 8.6 per cent increase in sales during the first quarter. Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that there were signs of a consumer revival.

Kingfisher eased 3p to 63.8p after giving a rundown to brokers earlier in the week. BG Bank, the broking arm of Bifikun Girobank, has decided to raise its forecast for 1997 and 1998 by £30 million to £350 million and £390 million respectively. Lawrence Peterman at BG Bank says Kingfisher is the best positioned company in the sector to benefit from the recovery in the housing market and a return of the feel-good factor.

A positive performance by Wall Street overnight and another fall in the rate of inflation failed to inject fresh life into equities, which closed near their low point of the day. The fall in the retail prices



Feel-good hopes for Woolworths owner Kingfisher

index to its lowest level since December 1993 raised hopes that there might be scope for another cut in base rates. This renewed optimism failed to be translated into buying orders, with the FT-SE 100 index closing down 16.8 points at 3,749.0 as fewer than 700 million shares were traded.

The near 100-point plunge in the Dow Jones average during

basis. The shares have been offered privately at 100p.

Hanson's attempts at enhancing shareholder value by splitting the group into four has failed to impress institutional investors and that continues to be reflected in the share price. After underperforming the market all year it retreated 2p to a new low of 607p in heavy turnover

that saw almost 33 million shares change hands. That compares with the 212p it stood at earlier this year.

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Lynch, the broker, with a rise of 8p to 101.4p.

Tour operators face an uphill struggle in the package holiday market judging by interim figures from First Choice revealing a slightly reduced loss of £23.4 million. The shares fell 9p to 68.8p after the group warned there was still excess capacity and discounting during May and June. Francis Baron, chief executive, is optimistic about the important summer season.

Stanley Leisure, the betting and gaming group, fell 13p to 489p on further reflection of Wednesday's profits setback.

Better than expected full-year figures were rewarded with a leap of 22p to 410p at Goode Durrant, the transport group. It says it has made a brokers are upgrading their full-year forecasts.

Specialty marked time at 17p after plunging into the red in the first six months with pre-tax losses of £744,000, compared with a profit of £6.5 million last time. The retail optician blamed the setback on difficult trading and an exceptional charge. Once again there is no dividend.

News of increased losses left Caledonian Media Services 12p cheaper at 24p and Phoneline 2p off at 152p, while Albrighton's reduced losses were good for a 4p on the shares at 61.2p.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** The market took the news of the latest drop in inflation in its stride. Prices shrugged off their early lethargy to finish firmer on the day, helped by a revival in US treasury bonds.

The Bank of England felt confident enough to issue three further tranches of stock. The tangles included £150 million of Treasury Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2001, £200 million of Treasury Index-Linked 2½ per cent 2013 and £50 million of Treasury 8 per cent 2002-06 split maturity.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt finished 15p better at 107.7p as a total of 39,000 contracts were completed.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose 1p to 109.13p, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 firmed 1p to 103.8p.

□ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street skidded lower after profit warnings in the technology and healthcare sectors. By midday the Dow Jones industrial average was 73.88 points lower at 5,529.77.

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## Sound bite for M&amp;S

SPARE a thought for the hard-working signers for the deal at Marks & Spencer's annual meeting yesterday. When an excitable shareholder regaled the board with a bite-by-bite account of the kosher foods he could supply the retailer, the zealous signers were sent into a frightening spin. Witnessing the windmill-like effect, Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, agreed to take a look at both the shareholder's hands and his cheesecake.

## Shining Knight

WORD has it that Treasury Minister Angela Knight is outraged by those M&S who voted themselves a thumping 26 per cent pay rise. The minister was in favour of the more modest and front-bench-backed 3 per cent. The saintly Knight, who more practically believes that the generous pay hike is electorally damaging, says anything in excess of the annual rate of inflation, she will donate to charity.

WITH Prince William, Roy Jenkins, and Phil Collins in mind, the Royal Bank of Scotland has designed a left-handers' chequebook. Iain Robertson, the left-handed managing director of corporate and institutional banking at RBS, is said to be delighted with the chequebook that he can open using his right hand, with the counterfoils positioned on the far right.



## Run out

OUTRAGE at the 3.5-mile Chase Corporate Challenge race on Wednesday night after the winner was disqualified. When Gary Staines, 33, who clocked 15 minutes 23 seconds, went to get his prize, he was told that as a part-time worker at the London Coaching Foundation, he didn't qualify. Instead, the laurels went to Jon Solly, a full-time employee at the LCF, the registered charity that sends athletes into local schools. John Barber, from Municipal Mutual Insurance, was the fastest chief executive, with 17 minutes 38 seconds. He says he was out running again the next day. "It was such a nice morning, I couldn't waste it."

## Indian summer

MULTIMILLIONAIRE Nat Puri, rags-to-riches owner of Melton Medes, the industrial group, was so upset at the Indian cricket team losing to England this week, that he is offering a £50,000 incentive to the first Indian cricketer who scores 300 runs in a test match. Better still, the star player who then goes on to beat Brian Lara's world record of 375 runs before 2000, will receive an additional £50,000.

## Six bells

ON SUNDAY evening, think of Richard Barnes, Waterford Wedgewood's group finance director. Without fail, Mr Barnes will be on the phone to Tony O'Reilly, at six o'clock, to bring his chairman up to date. And if Dr O'Reilly should be ill in the US or Japan, Mr Barnes still has to phone him at six o'clock local time – whatever hour it is at home.

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CITY DIARY

Janet Bush  
says German  
social  
consensus is  
under assault

**H**elmut Kohl, Germany's Chancellor, has embarked on no less than a cultural revolution. The latest budget, passed by the Cabinet this week in the face of fury from opposition parties, plans to cut DM25 billion – more than £10 billion – from public spending next year.

In April, a previous package of spending cuts and labour market reforms, designed to lower the proportion of spending to gross domestic product by 2 per cent in a year, was condemned by trade unionists as socially obscene and merciless. Oskar Lafontaine, leader of the Social Democrats, called it "a declaration of war on social justice".

The ostensible reason for Herr Kohl's assault on Germany's prized social consensus and, in more practical terms, considerable standard of living, is the need to meet the debt and deficit criteria laid down in the Maastricht treaty and so make the gristle to join a single currency.

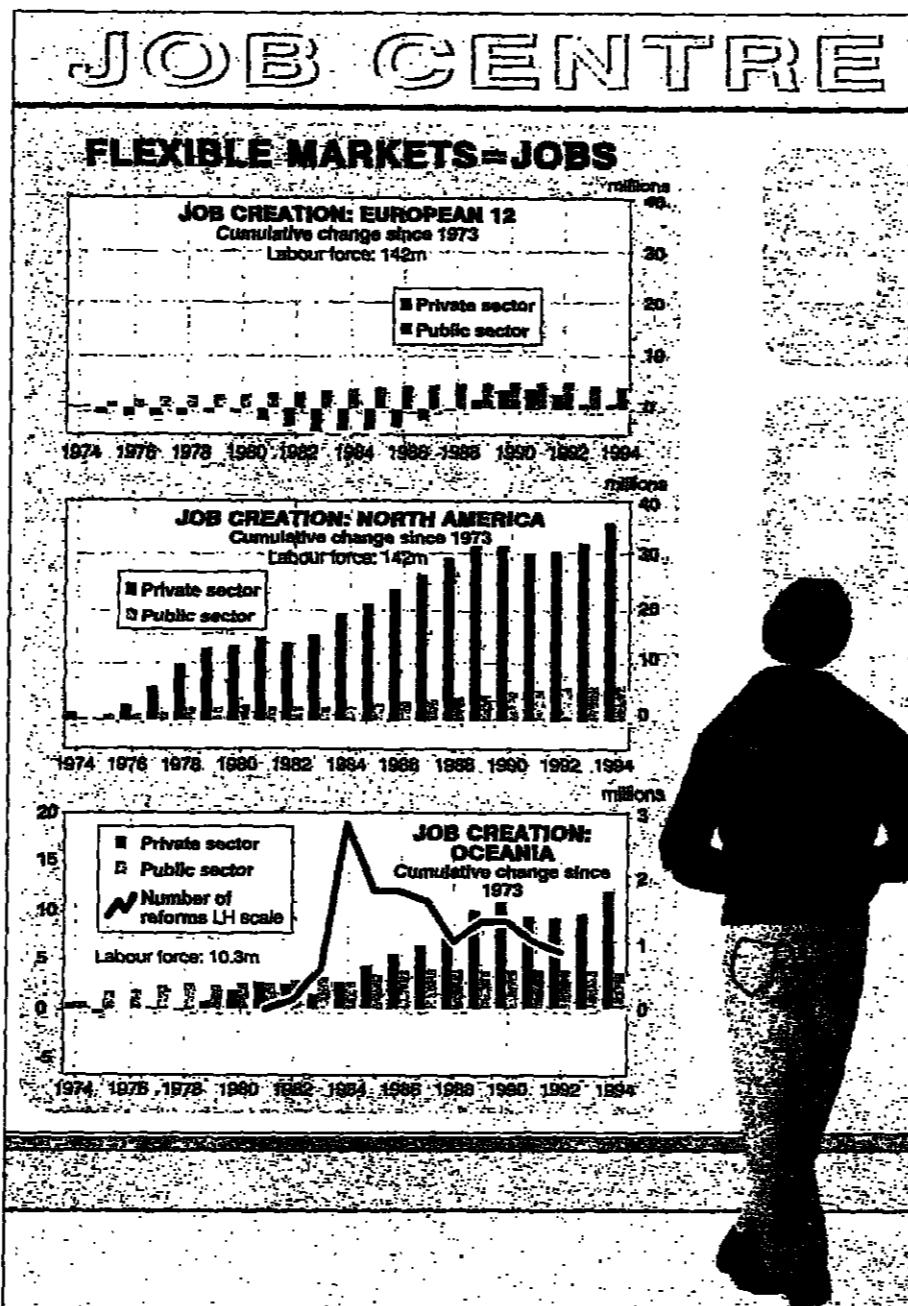
But beyond the immediate needs of the monetary union timetable is an acute sense that Germany is losing its international competitiveness. The consensual social market system that has served Germany so well since the end of the Second World War may not be the right way to compete in the decades ahead, at least without substantial reform.

Shortly after the Berlin Wall came down and Herr Kohl defied the Bundesbank by opting for a big bang approach to unification, including one-for-one convertibility for the ostmark, Christian Watrin, an eminent German economist, said: "What Germany needs is a good dose of Thatcherism."

It is galling for the land of the *wirtschaftswunder* to be told by the World Economic Forum that you have dropped to 22nd place in its competitiveness league behind the likes of Chile, Finland, Hong Kong and... Britain. The forum, which biases its rankings towards free market economies, is scathing about what it calls the "ill mood in Germany today as the so-called social partners debate the downsizing of the German welfare state".

But the process is at the very beginning and the competitiveness problems are considerable. Addressing a recent conference hosted by the Society of Business Economists, Klaus Wieters, head of research at WestLB Bank, emphasised that, although Germany had probably overcome its recession, its long-term structural problems would become even more acute.

The cost of integrating eastern Germany will absorb 3 to



current proposal that state-subsidised cures at health resorts are to be cut to three weeks every four years instead of four weeks every four years; or a modest liberalisation of shopping hours. Germany is famous for its *lange Samstag* – the one long Saturday in the month when shops are open for a full day.

There are, in fact, more serious reforms about that may have some genuine effect on Germany's ability to deal with its competitiveness blackspots. Notoriously generous unemployment benefits are to be scaled back, there is to be a reduction of sick pay from 100 per cent of wages to 80 per cent, and firms with ten or fewer employees are to be exempt from job protection guarantees. Formerly, this applied to companies with five employees or less.

But the process is at the very beginning and the competitiveness problems are considerable. Addressing a recent conference hosted by the Society of Business Economists, Klaus Wieters, head of research at WestLB Bank, emphasised that, although Germany had probably overcome its recession, its long-term structural problems would become even more acute.

The cost of integrating eastern Germany will absorb 3 to

4 per cent of gross national product a year for many years to come, a considerable burden even for a rich economic region such as west Germany. And Germany has to absorb these costs and undertake structural reform within the painful framework of a currency that is overvalued, according to Herr Wieters, about 10 per cent. There is, of course, no way out of this because of Maastricht.

Herr Wieters is blunt about the problems Germany faces. Germany has among the shortest working hours in the world and one of the lowest retirement ages in the world. Its pensioners are astonishingly well catered for. "You will see a lot of them in Majorca for six months of the year. The rest are somewhere between Vancouver and Sydney," Herr Wieters jokes pointedly.

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costs (in-work benefits, National Insurance contributions etc), in Germany the proportions are 55 per cent for wages and 45 per cent for non-wages.

It is no mistake that Germany has an unemployment rate of 11 per cent, or 14 per cent. Herr Wieters estimates, if those on job creation and training schemes are included, and the jobs problem is not confined to the east.

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## BUSINESS LETTERS

## Unattractive spectacle of rich rewards for campaigners as names await decision time in the Lloyd's affair

From G. D. V. Glynn

Sir, As the time rapidly approaches for the names at Lloyd's to decide whether to accept or reject the R&R settlement offer, the indications are that the vast majority wish to accept.

However, before the offer can be put to the membership, it is necessary that the resolutions at the Ordinary General Meeting and the Class Meet-

ing to be held on July 15 are passed. The resolutions at the Extraordinary General Meeting called for the same day are incompatible and should be voted against by all those who support R&R. This EGM is an unnecessary diversion, serving no useful purpose, and was called by a small group of dissident action group leaders.

With the prospect of a settlement drawing near, we are now faced with the unat-

tractive spectacle of a "rush for cash" by those engaged in this particular industry. The sums involved are staggering. One chairman alone is believed to be in the running for £800,000.

I, myself, was surprised to receive within the last few days a circular containing a formula likely to produce £1 million to £1.5 million, to be shared between us, and signed

by a man to whom we have been paying £24,000 p.a. for his particular part-time job.

The same individual recently wrote, with reference to the action group leaders, "what drives us is a determination to see justice done, and not personal gain".

What price altruism?

Yours faithfully,  
G.D.V. GLYNN,  
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Cullompton,  
Devon.

## Checking the story that a firm's figures tell

From Cyril F. Foster

Sir, When preparing the yearly accounts for my son (a sole trader), the accountant examines the company bank statements to check that the figures submitted to him are supported by the sums seen to be moving through the bank account.

Do not all accountants do

income at the expense of shareholders and creditors. This will continue unless and until the law ensures that all such profits be forfeited (at least) by individuals who knew, or should have known, the figures were suspect.

As a bystander, I find it utterly unacceptable that, for example, some Barings' em-

ployees were paid by ING bonuses based on spurious profits, while the investors received nothing.

Yours faithfully,  
IDRIS R FRANCIS,  
Sunnybank,  
Church Lane,  
West Meon,  
 Petersfield,  
Hampshire.

## When bonuses based on profit and share price rises should be forfeited

From Idris R Francis

Sir, Common to the problems of Barings, Sumitomo, Wickes and others is that senior managers stood to receive substantial bonuses based on profits and share price rises.

Many tend therefore not only to look for problems, but to turn blind eyes until too late, maximising their own

Surprised by  
faith in MMC

From Mr Philip Rogerson

Sir, Your correspondent (Business Letters, July 3) Roger Turner (Managing Director, United Gas Company Limited), says: "Time for MMC inquiry and more radical proposals on TransCo regulation."

We are surprised that he places such faith in MMC process. In June a shippers' group, of which United Gas appears to be spokesman, stated that the "current price formula [set by OFGAS in 1994] which is based on MMC views, is flawed". Also, it stated that "the [1992-93 British Gas] MMC report was not consistent".

On United Gas's proposal to establish TransCo as a separate legal subsidiary, this was debated by the House of Commons Standing Committee examining the 1995 Gas Bill and rejected by 15 votes to one, with one abstention.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Study aid gives pupils real-life business sense

Fraser Nelson reports on testing of the updated edition of *The Times 100*

gaining and replaced it with a system in which each employer signs a contract with each employee. Unemployment peaked at 11 per cent, but then fell rapidly to just over 6 per cent now. Excluding Maoris and Pacific Islanders who still suffer proportionately higher unemployment, the jobless rate is down to 4.6 per cent.

What is good news for those governments, like Germany, which want to sell reform to their electorates, is that there are genuine results. What is more worrying is that these results take a while to bite. In New Zealand, Dr Llewellyn says that it took at least five years before the policies could be seen to be working and the better part of ten years before the public accepted the fact.

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**T**here is, of course, a down side to flexibility as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development is expected to point out in its Employment Report published next week. In America and Britain, earnings have become a lot more unequal, there may not be much compensation upward mobility for those on low wages, and there may be more social exclusion and, therefore, pressure on budgets as social safety nets suck in more resources.

This apart, it is *schadenfreude* for British critics of the social market system to write Germany off as an economic has-been. Given the astonishing task of incorporating 16 million new Germans from a collapsed command economy, it is a second *wirtschaftswunder* that the western economy has been inconvenienced rather than destabilised. And Germany, ever the realist, has accepted the need for flexibility far more than France: its budget-cutting efforts barely

hand, it's possible to give students concrete examples of organisations at work."

At an undergraduate level, students are often told about the "big picture", which they will see when their theoretical knowledge of economics slots in with practical experience and current affairs, creating a tangible whole. The idea behind business studies as a subject is to make the "big picture" available at school level by fusing theory and practice at a much earlier stage.

Pupils at Woodhouse Grove said that business studies did seem "real" than other subjects. Ben Rhodes, studying for the GNVQ, said that he found it easier and harder" than other subjects as it required more hours of work, but it was easier to grasp.

His GNVQ, which is worth two A-Levels, is designed to be more vocational than traditional exams. Students are required to undergo work experience, and conduct independent research into companies. Pupils studying for GNVQs said that *The Times 100* was particularly useful as a compendium of business information they could use as a research tool, as well as providing illustrations to lessons.

The 550-pupil Woodhouse

Grove School has a building devoted to business studies. It seeks to build links with local companies, and is looking at installing video-conferencing facilities, which they would offer to businesses in return for work placements for pupils.

Some 7,000 copies of *The Times 100*, each containing 52 case studies, were sent to schools and colleges last November. The new edition, which contains more than 45 new entries, will be sent out in the autumn.

**Class act: Tom Hope, left, John MacNamara, Anna Whittle and James Darkins try out *The Times 100***

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## Russians join race to rescue Fokker

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN AMSTERDAM

FOKKER, the bankrupt Dutch aircraft manufacturer, is again Europe's most courted aerospace firm as new contenders emerged to fight for its hand.

The long-awaited rescue of the company that went bankrupt on March 15 appeared to have moved much nearer after an announcement on Wednesday by Aviationsnaya Korporatsiya Yakovlev, the Russian aerospace company, that it wanted to buy Fokker this year.

The Dutch Economics Ministry yesterday said that new industrial companies had surfaced as possible rescuers, but it declined to give names. Luuc van Zijp, a spokesman, said: "There is interest in Fokker from international companies." He added that suitors included industrial companies outside those that have already expressed an interest.

Until now the Russians had only sporadic contact with the receivers after discussing a takeover in April, leaving the scene to three Dutch venture capitalists. Of these three executives — Jaap Rosen Jacobson, Joep van den Nieuwenhuizen and Willem van Kooten, who were all aiming to line up other investors — only Rosen Jacobson is regarded as a serious candidate.

Fokker's aircraft services and maintenance arms survived the bankruptcy and are currently under exclusive due diligence investigation by Stork, a Dutch engineering company, which is considering making an offer.

Fokker said in June that it would prolong life after death, at least until April 1997, and produce 30 planes, including a new order for six Fokker 70-seater aircraft from KLM.

Asked if it was appropriate for a bankrupt company to compete in the market by using its lower production costs, the receivers said it was the best way to preserve the company's value.



Real time: Alan Jerome, chairman and chief executive of S. Jerome & Sons (Holdings), the West Yorkshire fabrics and yarns company, which is acquiring Nottingham Braid for £2.7 million in cash and shares. Nottingham Braid

specialises in trimmings, braiding, fringes and accessories for the lighting and decorating industries. The Derby-based company had profits of £422,000 before tax and exceptional

items on turnover of £3.1 million, in the year to March 31.

Mr Jerome said that Nottingham Braid was an extremely well-run, cash generative company, and there was

scope for increasing sales overseas. Jerome is raising £2.6 million by way of a rights issue, with one new share for every two existing shares at 68p each. Jerome shares rose 1p to 82p.

## MMC referral threat prompts sale by Ibstock

BY OLIVER AUGUST

IBSTOCK, the construction company, will sell six brick factories after threats from Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to refer the company's proposed acquisition of Redland's brick business to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC).

Mr Lang, who was acting on advice from the Office of Fair Trading, said yesterday that competition concerns would arise from the acquisition which would result in Ibstock and Hanson Brick accounting for most of the UK brick supply.

Mr Lang said: "The merger is likely to lead to a significant loss of competition in the market for the supply of bricks in Great Britain." He suggested that

Ibstock should sell the six plants and ensure they are run as viable businesses in the period before the disposal, and sold as going concerns.

While the market is competitive at present, an increased concentration is expected to lead to higher prices when the bricks industry recovers, he added.

Ibstock promptly responded to this by announcing its divestments. It also said it had agreed with Redland that Redland may pay Ibstock up to £12.5 million, depending on the level of sale proceeds realised for the six plants.

Ibstock said it expects the deal to be completed by the end of this month if it is not referred. Sir Colin Hope, the Ibstock chairman, said: "We

remain convinced that this deal is very much in shareholders' interests, even taking into account the limited divestments we have agreed to make, and the combined business will benefit from the significant opportunities to reduce overheads and operating costs."

The original deal, which was announced in April, would make Ibstock Britain's largest brickmaker with 34 per cent of the market.

Ibstock said the six factories to be sold had a combined capacity of 157 million bricks a year, about one-eighth of the capacity of the country's combined brick industry.

The six Ibstock plants to be sold are Steerpoint in the South West, Eldon and

Toddhills in the North East, and South Holmwood, Chailey and Funton in the South East.

The Department of Trade yesterday declined to say whether Ibstock's response had averted a MMC referral.

It said the parties involved should make their response known to the Director-General of the Office of Fair Trading.

They are asked to explain the "appropriateness of the draft undertakings to remedy the adverse effects of the acquisition".

Representations have to be made in writing by the end of next week.

Ibstock shares fell 25p to 71p yesterday. Redland shares fell 1p to 414p.

Watchdog fears rule change against shareholder interests

## Emap director-firing plan faces defeat

BY OLIVER AUGUST

DIRECTORS at Emap, the media and exhibitions company, face an embarrassing defeat over proposals for new rules on firing board members. The investment watchdog, is confident that, at next week's annual meeting, shareholders will vote against changes to the articles of association, which would increase the power of the board, led by Robin Miller, the chief executive.

Two non-executive directors have also publicly opposed the changes by printing their own statement of dissent in the official shareholder circular. Joe Cooke and Ken Simmons told shareholders: "This provision removes shareholder

protection from any minority of directors who believe any particular majority decision of the board not to be in shareholders' best interest."

Under the new rules a director would be required to resign after a written request from 75 per cent of board members. Emap fears the new rules will silence boardroom critics and deter whistleblowers.

The rule changes will go through if no more than 25 per cent of shareholders vote against them at next Thursday's agm. But Anne Simpson, a director of Pirc, has had a positive response from several large institutional investors after

urging them, in a letter, to deny directors the power to fire each other. She is convinced that shareholders will not give away their powers easily. "The law requires that shareholders appoint company directors. It is therefore only proper that their removal is done by shareholders as well," she said.

The Emap board has argued that the changes would make the board more effective as it would prevent a small group of directors from obstructing the conduct of business in their own interests. But by the same token it could stop independent-minded directors upholding shareholders' interests, Pirc said.

## Kvaerner puts chiefs in London

FROM AP IN OSLO

KVAERNER, the Norwegian shipping and engineering company, is moving key management to London as part of a re-organisation after its take-over of Trafalgar House.

Kvaerner, which acquired

Trafalgar House for £904 million in April, said that the combined companies were

being organised into six core

businesses: shipbuilding, pro-

cessing, construction, oil and

gas, metals and wood-pulping.

Activities still undergoing major restructuring, such as the Cunard Line and Trafalgar House Property, will be handled separately from the six core areas, Kvaerner said.

The company is changing the names of Trafalgar companies or incorporating them into existing divisions to reflect the new ownership.

Kvaerner has been ex-  
panding internationally, and

bought Trafalgar a few months after failing in a hostile bid for another British company, Amec.

Kvaerner now employs 56,000 people in about 200 locations around the world.

Erik Toenseth, president and chief executive, said: "We have a framework for an organisation that can focus on our goal of building Kvaerner into a leading technology and construction firm in the world."

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### WTO calls time on Japan's drink tax

THE World Trade Organisation has backed the European Union in a dispute with Japan over drinks imports. The European Commission said yesterday: "The final (WTO) report, which will go to the dispute settlement body for a final ruling, says that Japan has been violating WTO rules by charging excess high taxes on whisky, brandy, vodka... to protect local producers," a spokesman said. "We will use it to urge the Japanese to reform their tax law."

EU sources said the finding could mean a huge boost for the European drinks industry. The Commission was expected to use it to prise open other markets, notably in South Korea and Chile. The EU has claimed that Japanese tax rules have effectively blocked European drinks producers from entering the lucrative Japanese market, which is dominated by local producers. According to Commission figures, whisky exports to Japan by volume fell 25 per cent between 1994 and 1995. Japan imports 8 per cent of its drinks.

### Baris acquisition

BARIS Holdings, the drylining and fire protection systems group, is to acquire Jordan Engineering, a privately owned business involved in decommissioning nuclear plant and equipment and the fabrication of stainless steel structures, for a maximum consideration of £2.5 million. The acquisition will be financed by a £3.75 million placing and open offer. Shares in the renamed Jordee Group will continue to be listed on the Alternative Investment Market. Yesterday, Baris reported profits of £340,000 before tax for the year to February 29 (loss of £1.17 million the previous year). Earnings were 1.8p a share (41p loss). There is again no dividend.

### Shani up at half time

SHANI GROUP, the manufacturer of ladies' and children's fashion separates, coats and suits, said order books for the second half of the current financial year were at good levels. First-half trading was also strong, despite continuing pressure from retailers in terms of lead times and margins. In the six months to the end of April the company lifted profits to £1.15 million before tax, from £1.07 million, on turnover that improved £13.8 million, from £10.9 million. Earnings were 5.4p a share, up from 5p. The interim dividend is increased to 2.37p a share, from 2.15p. The shares closed yesterday at 136p, a rise of 3p.

### Funds for DB shake-up

DEUTSCHE BABCOCK, the troubled German engineering group, has secured additional funding of DM600 million from banks for its restructuring programme. The programme was approved by the company's board on Monday, but will not be outlined to investors for a number of weeks. DB plans to sell off fringe activities and to complete the restructuring by the end of 1997. One-off charges and operating losses will leave a total deficit of about DM400 million in the current financial year, which ends on September 30.

### Adam & Harvey dips

ADAM & HARVEY Group, the international distribution and steel stockholding company with interests in Africa, Britain, Germany and the Far East, suffered a decline in profits to £4.6 million before tax in the year to March 31, from £6 million previously. Earnings fell to 53.0p a share, from 84.7p. The final dividend is held at 13.5p a share, making a total of 24.5p (22p). The company said that profits from ongoing operations, particularly in the steel stockholding division, held up better than had been expected. The shares rose 10p to 413p.

### Haircare jobs boost

INNTPRENEUR PUB COMPANY has asked the Office of Fair Trading to review its order preventing it from maintaining a beer supply agreement beyond the end of March 1998.

The order was made in 1991 after Inntpreneur was created by pooling the estates of Grand Metropolitan and Fosters, which at that point owned Courage, the brewer.

But Fosters sold Courage to Scottish and Newcastle last year, in theory freeing Inntpreneur to strike a supply agreement with any brewer when the existing agreement with Scottish and Newcastle terminates in 1998.

Inntpreneur believes that since it is no longer tied to a brewer it should have the right, common to most of the UK's independent pub retailers, to negotiate a single supply agreement. This would allow it greater purchasing power, thus keeping its beer costs down.

Inntpreneur has also substantially reduced its estate from 10,000 outlets in 1991 to 3,000.

The City believes that the right to negotiate a single supply agreement is vital step towards floating off the pub chain in the next couple of years.



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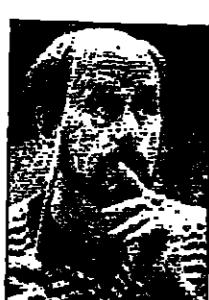
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**CHOICE 1**  
Roger Norrington conducts the OAE's tenth anniversary concert  
VENUE: Tomorrow at the Queen Elizabeth Hall



**CHOICE 2**  
The Chilingirian Quartet launches this year's Buxton Opera Festival  
VENUE: Today at the Buxton Opera House



**CHOICE 3**  
Edward Heath on the podium with the English Chamber Orchestra  
VENUE: Tomorrow at Salisbury Cathedral



**THEATRE**  
A lukewarm welcome greets the West End's new musical blockbuster *Martin Guerre*

## LONDON

**ALMELDA OPERA:** In association with performers from Circus Space, Almela Opera presents a celebration of vaudeville in the British premiere of *Verdileaf*. David Parry conducts the Almela Ensemble, with Franco Kogel. On Sunday, a three-set concert celebrates the Composers Ensemble Songbook, which has commissioned more than 150 new songs over the past five years. Many of the songs and Brad Cohen conduct the Composers Ensemble, with Mary Wigold and Adey Grummet, soprano, and Pamela Helen Stephen, mezzo-soprano. Almela, Queen Elizabeth Hall, 11 (0171-359 4404). Venues tonight, 8pm. Songbook Sunday, 8pm, 8.30pm and 9pm. £5.

**SOUTH BANK:** A weekend of outdoor events and music begins with a performance of *Lightning* by Stason House. Opera on the roof of the Queen Elizabeth Hall, 11 (0171-359 4404). Tonight and tomorrow, 7pm. *Lightning* by the incandescent glow of lightning and roaring fire light, the performers inhabit a mysterious, giant machine in which they seem to appear and disappear. On the Riverside Terrace

**THE ASPERN PAPERS:** Michael Redgrave's slightly old-fashioned version of the Henry James tale of Marry sluttiness. With Marsha Gordon, Daniel J. Travani, Moira Lister and William H. Macy. West End (0171-359 4404). Mon-Fri, 8pm. Sat, 8.15pm; mat 8pm. Sat, 8pm. Sat, 8.15pm; mat 8pm. Sat, 8pm. Sat, 8pm.

**MARY STUART:** Superb playing by Anna Massey as Schiller's Virgin Queen; French actress Isabelle Huppert less at ease with the language as her rival Mary. West End (0171-359 4404). Sat, 8pm. Mat 2.15pm. In rep. £5.

**NORTHANGER ABBEY:** Sarah Jane Hohn plays Jane Austen's victim of the Gothic shock-horror romance, the video nasties of her day. Matthew Pilkington directs own *Northanger Abbey*. Criterion, Coventry St, SE1 (0181-855 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until August 10. £5.

**THE ODD COUPLE:** Jack Palance and Tony Randall play the two divorced husbands, stool and tuxedo,

## WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment, compiled by Gillian Maxey

(Sunday, 4.30pm), the Taiko drum group, who combine a highly visual performance combining pulsating rhythms with dynamic movements. Meanwhile, it is return only to tomorrow of a ten-year anniversary concert of the Classics of the Age of Enlightenment (Queen Elizabeth Hall, 7.45pm). Roger Norrington conducts Haydn's *The Creation* (0171-359 4404). Sat, 8pm. Sat, 8.15pm. £5.

**ELSEWHERE:** BUXTON: The Chilingirian Quartet launches the year's Buxton Opera Festival Octagon, 1pm with a programme of works by Schubert and Schubert's *Die Opernhaus* (0171-424242). Various times and venues.

## THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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**Some seats available**

**Seats at all prices**

things in Adrian Noble's so-so production from last year's *Smofit*, *Barberian*, Silk Street EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm. In rep. £5.

**VOYEUR:** Lesbian fem 2 Fem and a cast of 18 illustrate a young girl's sexual awakening in a film by Water. Billed as a follow-up to the once-famous nude show, *Offi Calculot* (Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1725). Preview begins tonight, 9.15pm. Opens July 22. £9.15pm.

**LONG RUNNERS:** **CLOUTIER** (London Palladium, 0171-920 0000) **BUDDY:** Strand (0171-920 6800). **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (0171-494 5070). **JEANNE D'ARC:** Palais Royal (0171-634 1311). **La Reine Margot:** Palais Royal (0171-494 5400). **Miss Saigon:** Olivier (0171-491 5020). **TICKET:** Palladium (0171-491 5020). Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

## CINEMA GUIDE

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**FEAST OR JULY:** Love and tragedy in Ian McEwan's *Enduring*. Turged drama from H.E. Bates's novel, with Embeth Davidtz and Ben Chaplin. Director, Christopher Menz. Oldham Haymarket (0126-815 3533).

**KING OF COMEDY:** Unlucky comedy about hustlers on the road, with Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid, Bill Murray.

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## Girl not afraid to talk it like she walks it

**NEW RELEASES:** If you fancy a tongue-lashing, Ani DiFranco is your woman, David Sinclair says

### POP SINGLE

**MARTIN OKASILI**  
*Survival Technique*  
(WEA 0630-15227)  
MARTIN OKASILI is a London-born singer and songwriter of Irish/Nigerian parentage, whose forthcoming album *The Invisible History of the Black Celt* draws its inspiration from the theory that the first Celts were in fact black.

His debut single, *Survival Technique*, is a bold statement of intent that draws equally on rock and soul to produce echoes of Seal at his most passionate as Okasili sings of carrying his head high in a world of trouble and travail.

### POP ALBUMS

**ANI DIFRANCO**  
*Dilate*  
(Righteous Babe/Cooking Vinyl COOK 103)  
THE 1990s will surely be remembered as the decade when women in rock finally found their voice. If the initial fuss Alanis Morissette caused by venting her feelings and using the occasional f-word has been converted into mind-boggling sales figures, that is just the tip of the iceberg.

Even so, going from the frankness of Morissette to the lacerating declamations of Ani DiFranco is like progressing from shandy to neat whisky. The 25-year-old singer-songwriter from Buffalo, New York, is nothing if not forthright about her desires. "I just happen to like apples/And I am not afraid of snakes," she sings in *Adam And Eve*, which is about as coy as it gets.

Disappointed in love more often than not, she frequently ends up lashing out with a

virulent mixture of childish anger and withering scorn: "Little master limp dick is up to his old tricks/And thought he'd call me one last time."

While such displays of indignation sometimes have a penitent ring, she sings with such compelling intensity, in a swooping voice that carries echoes of female icons from Joni to Tori, that you cannot help but be drawn in. And she is a tremendous guitarist, with a percussive way of playing that recalls the modern, rooty touch of Ben Harper.

In America, DiFranco is a cult hero and *Dilate* is her eighth album. She will not be ignored over here for much longer.

**SCREAMING TREES**  
*Dust*  
(Epic 483980)  
IT IS being talked up in the music press as the "rock masterpiece" of the year, and there is indeed something special about *Dust*, the eighth album by hardcore/grunge also-rans Screaming Trees.

Not heard of since they played here in 1993 to promote the aptly titled album, *Sweet Oblivion*, this garrulous quartet from Ellensburg, Washington, has spent the intervening time honing its sound into a shape that is tough enough to take on mainstream giants such as Soundgarden but vibrant and unusual enough to put them in the ring with progressive eccentrics such as the Afghan Whigs.

Producer George Drakoulias deserves credit for his part in bringing about this transformation, but the key to the album's success is the extraordinary performance throughout by singer Mark Lanegan. He has cultivated a voice that skips and soars like birdsong on *Rebel Angel* or conjures a mood of poignant regret on *Semi Precious*.

She adds some regional spice on *Glasgow Star*, name-checking various streets and bus routes in a soft Scottish brogue. But the best moments are when she reaches for some jazzier flavours on the traditional *I Loved a Lad* and the Boo Hewerdine/Calmus MacColl song *Butterfly Jar*, lending a welcome touch of mystery to an otherwise uncomplicated formula.

### TOP TEN ALBUMS

1. Jagged Little Pill	Anaïs Morissette (Maverick)
2. Recurring Dream — Best of	Crowded House (Capitol)
3. Falling Into You	Celine Dion (Epic)
4. Moseley Shoals	Ocean Colour Scene (MCA)
5. The Smurfs go Pop!	Smurfs (EMI TV)
6. (What's the Story) Morning Glory?	Oasis (Creation)
7. The Score	Fugees (Columbia)
8. 1977	Ash (Infectious)
9. Older	George Michael (Virgin)
10. Walking Wounded	Everything but the Girl (Virgin)

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## How will you vote in the buy-election between Gary Barlow and Robbie Williams?

**THE TIMES ARTS**

**AFRO CELT SOUND SYSTEM**  
*Volume 1 Sound Magic*  
(Realworld/Virgin 841736)  
THE enthusiasm with which modern dance acts have embraced elements of "ethnic" music is not often reciprocated. But Afro Celt Sound System — an ad hoc gathering of African and Celtic musicians including James McNally, Davy Spillane and members of Baaba Maal's group — have not only joined up the dots between the African and Celtic music traditions but also fitted out the resulting hybrid with a variety of pulsating dancefloor beats, from trip-hop and trance to skittering drum 'n' bass patterns.

This is revolutionary stuff. And yet the rapid rhythmic flourishes of the bodhran mingle with various talking drums and other items of African percussion as if it were ever thus.

A bold and unusual venture carried off in the main with striking results.

**EDDI READER**  
*Candyfloss and Medicine*  
(Blanco Y Negro 0630-15120)  
SHE still lacks edge, and on cabaret set pieces such as her last single, *Town Without Pity*, the spectre of Mari Wilson looms. But Eddi Reader has a voice that skips and soars like birdsong on *Rebel Angel* or conjures a mood of poignant regret on *Semi Precious*.

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### Soundtrack to a good life

**CHICK COREA**  
*Music Forever & Beyond*  
(GRP GRD-5-9819)  
FOR 30 years the American pianist Chick Corea has been one of jazz's major figures, and this five-CD set follows his development from ear-catching sideman with the likes of Blue Mitchell and Stan Getz, through his emergence as leader of both acoustic and

brilliant, charismatic, loose cannon with no real talent save for being witty, pretty and up for it.

The battle will be fought over the two singles. Robbie's is a sprightly cover of George Michael's *Freedom '90*, a choice loaded with meaning (the lyrics are Michael's plea for the public to understand that his previous teeny-bop career was much against his will, and that his solo material is what he is really like). It is a rigidly faithful version that will no doubt have an amusing video. Robbie gives good vid.

Gary's offering is the insipid *Forever Love*, a self-penned slab of "maturity" that is the sound of approximately nothing happening for four minutes. It just kind of hangs around, being tasteful, and fades away from boredom. One imagines the producer saying to Gary: "When you're ready, then," and Gary replying: "I'm halfway through, actually."

Both Robbie and Gary seem to have the same objectives — to put the shrill,

through sparkling lucidity, tonal brilliance and an exquisite delicacy of touch — is exhibited in all its glory in his acoustic music of the 1960s and the 1990s. These qualities, however, are precisely those stilled by the hectic bombast of his 1970s *Return to Forever* period and — to many the nadir of his career — the undemanding, yuppie-friendly eat candy purveyed by his Electric Band in the 1980s.

So the return to acoustic quartet music on the previously unreleased material on disc five comes as a considerable relief, and his stunning interplay with saxophonist Bob Berg, bassist John Patitucci and drummer Gary Novak on a selection of standards, Monk classics and Corea's own delightfully tricky *Story* is almost worth the price of admission alone.

**AZIZA MUSTAFA ZADEH**  
*Seventh Truth*  
(Columbia 484238 2)  
SINCE bursting on to the jazz scene in the late 1980s as a teenager, the pianist and singer Aziza Mustafa Zadeh has carved a special niche for herself with her unique blend of Azeri folk music, jazz improvisation and extraordinary soprano vocals. Her deep knowledge of and respect for the jazz tradition is tellingly filtered through a pianistic technique honed to perfection by classical training.

On CD, however, she has never quite delivered. Her previous album featured a stellar fusion cast, obscuring Zadeh's originality: this solo (plus Indian percussion) recording frequently emphasises her weaknesses rather than her considerable strengths. There are too many songs with New Age lyrics, too little of Zadeh's exhilarating piano playing, and too few of her soaring, joyously uninhibited vocal flights.

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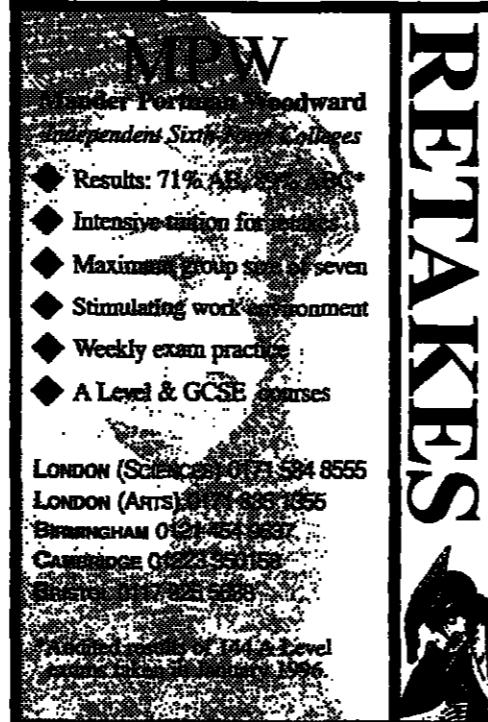
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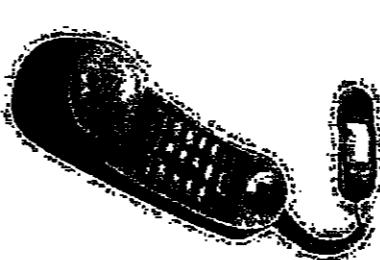
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## A forum for listening to the parents

**W**ho knows best how to deal with children with special needs? Teachers say they do, until the children become too difficult and have to be excluded from mainstream schools. Local councils say they do — provided the special education budget has not been cut. What about parents? Surely they are the best position to judge what is best for their child? ...? How can they make sure that their voices are heard?

Parents of the 20 per cent of children with special needs are showing themselves to be ready to fight to win better provision for their children. They have new powers — and have learnt how to use them. Since September 1994, parents who are unhappy with their council's decisions about provision for their children have been able to appeal to an independent body, the Special Educational Needs (SEN) tribunal.

Established under the Education Act 1993, the tribunal replaces the old local appeals committee made up of council representatives. A veteran of the old system says: "A appeal hearings, council officers used to refer, unashamedly, to members of the committee by their first names, leaving parents feeling marginalised and powerless." The old process was slow and often inconclusive.

The new tribunal is very different. It is made up of three members: a lawyer chairman and two members from a lay panel whose members will have experience of special needs, of local government or of both. Cases are being heard within six months and the tribunal's orders are binding on the council.

The 1993 Act also introduced a code of practice designed to give parents more say in their children's schooling. The code emphasises co-operation and partnership.

However, experience is showing that many parents want power, not partnership, and are using the code and the new appeals system to confront councils head-on. As one mother said: "My council wanted a partnership with me only on terms that I agreed with their view of what was best for my son."

Early estimates of 700 cases a year have been proved wrong. More than 1,900 cases were registered in the first 18 months alone. Last September applications peaked at 50 a week. About 30 per cent of cases are withdrawn, often just before the hearing, suggesting that parents may be using the threat of tribunal proceedings to force councils to accept negotiated settlements.

Of the 800 or so cases that have been heard, parents have been successful (either wholly or in part) in more than 60 per cent. This is a remarkably high success rate and confounds early predictions that suggested parents would not be able to cope and would be overwhelmed by

the arguments of well-drilled, well-resourced, professionally trained council appeals teams.

How have parents been able to achieve such success? One explanation is that the tribunal has been designed to be user-friendly. Under the leadership of its president, Trevor Aldridge, QC, the tribunal attempts to make its proceedings as informal and non-confrontational as possible.

Another explanation is that councils have been slow to come to terms with the new system. Councils are feeling the pressure and they do not like losing, an obvious sign of this being their reluctance to agree to hearings being held in public.

Will parents be able to maintain this level of success? Councils are turning to specialist advocates to present their cases and to examine parents' evidence. The probability is that the SEN tribunal will become like other tribunals, where hearings have become adversarial battles dominated by lawyers. This will be a problem for parents because legal aid is not available and there is normally no award of costs.

In future, councils will keep cases under closer review. They will start to question the quality of the reports and expert opinions on which they rely. As these reports are usually provided by local or health authority-employed experts, their opinions are open to challenge on the ground that they are not truly independent.

For example, educational psychologists carry out assessments as employees of the local authority. As professionals, they have a duty to act in the best interests of their child client but, as employees of the authority, they have a duty to act on their employer's instructions to work within the special-needs budget — which is, in most cases, shrinking.

This creates a hopeless conflict of interests for the professional and produces reports that are tailored not to the child's needs but to whatever council provision is available.

The new system has one other big flaw: although the tribunal's orders bind the council, the tribunal itself has no powers of enforcement. So parents have to look elsewhere for tougher remedies. They can complain to the council and then to the Secretary of State. If there is maladministration, they can complain to the Local Government Ombudsman. A final resort is to litigation for judicial review for breach of statutory duty or possible negligence.

But does it really have to be such a battle? As a parent who successfully appealed to the tribunal said: "My son has won his case — but he has lost a year of the speech therapy he needed."

• The author is a partner of City law firm *Frere Cholmeley Bischoff* and legal adviser to the Down's Syndrome Association.



Harriet Jackson, aged four: at the centre of a "win or bust" struggle with an education authority

## A victory bouquet for Harriet

This child's parents fought a three-year battle for the school they thought best for her

**H**ARRIET JACKSON'S parents waged a three-year battle to force Staffordshire Education Authority to pay her fees at Birmingham's National Institute of Conductive Education. By the time they tasted victory in the High Court last Friday, they were facing bankruptcy. *John O'Leary* writes.

The case is believed to be the first to run the full course through the new special educational needs tribunal and the legal system. The outcome may encourage parents in a similar position, but it shows how high the stakes can be.

Harriet, who is four, has spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy. Nicholas Bowen, who put her case in the High Court, described her as "a child intellectually complete, locked in a body which will not work".

Phil and Charlotte Jackson, who own a computer shop in Lichfield, Staffordshire, exhausted their savings sending their daughter to the institute from the age of two. She made

the bill. And the local authority argued that suitable provision was available (at half the cost) at one of its own nurseries.

The Jacksons took their case to the tribunal and won the right to send Harriet to the school of their choice. But the authority appealed, arguing that the money would be better spent in the county.

Last week Mr Justice Collins dismissed the authority's case as "pretty hopeless" and awarded costs to the Jacksons on an indemnity basis, ensuring that they will recoup the thousands of pounds they incurred in legal fees, as well as securing Harriet's place. A defeat would have meant bankruptcy for the family, despite contributions from sympathisers.

Mrs Jackson said: "It is a great victory for all parents of special needs children who will be going to the tribunal. We have been through three years of heartache and hell with the county council."

## Short of funds to fence out the criminals

**D**avid Charter identifies a problem with school security

A fence would help to keep the drug users and vandals out of the grounds of St Bernadette's Primary School. It might have deterred the two flashers who exposed themselves to children, or the intruder caught stealing from the staffroom at Stockport, Cheshire.

Some sites were designed to be very open," she says. "There needs to be some priority funding for schools such as ours. I don't think any of us can prevent the occasional madman, but this is about assuring the best protection we can."

Robin Squire, the Schools Minister, has promised "substantial new money" for security. But this week he refused to say how much, or to bring forward the funding from next April. The government working party meets on Monday and will renew calls for an immediate release of money.

Meanwhile St Bernadette's waits to hear whether it will get any cash in competitive bidding from another scheme, the Schools Renewal Challenge Fund. The cost of daily vandalism continues to mount. Last week 100 tiles were stolen from the roof, three windows broken and graffiti painted on walls.

Father Stephen Dwyer, the chairman of governors, says: "I am at the end of my tether. I am scandalised that the DFEE cannot make money available." A spokeswoman for the department says: "We look at all the bids against the evidence the local authority has put forward and the other projects put forward in other areas. The choice depends on how much money is available and not everyone can be successful."



Father Dwyer with the head teacher of St Bernadette's

## France's flight into the future

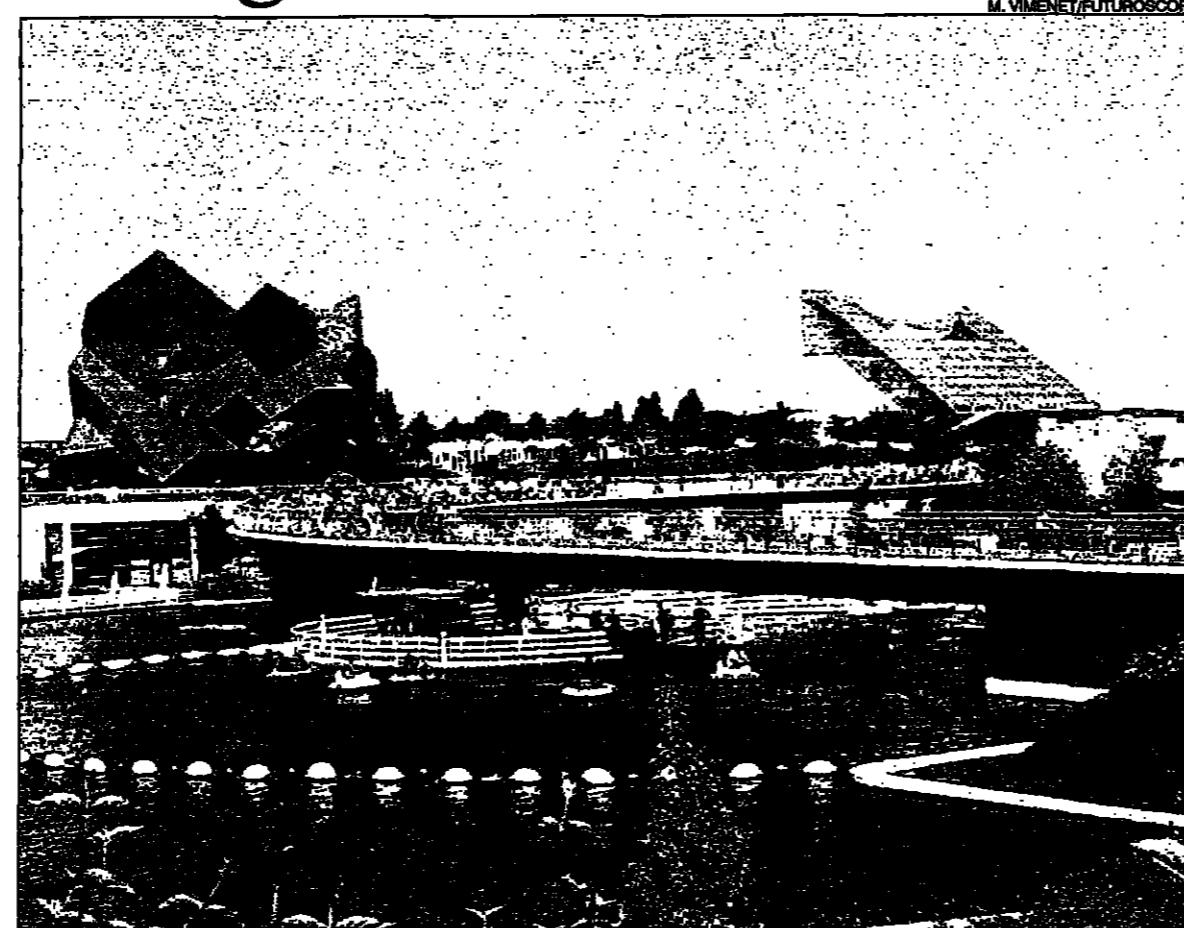
**J**ohn O'Leary reports on the spectacular venue for an international educational conference

**T**his week saw Europe's main contribution to the Year of Lifelong Learning, a three-day international conference with 130 presentations. Such gatherings seldom have a lasting impact but, whatever the standard of debate, the venue must have made an impression on delegates. The meeting took place at the Futuroscope theme park near Poitiers in France, an entertainment attraction second only to Euro Disneyland. Bordeaux-bound holidaymakers may have noticed the striking collection of futuristic buildings from the auto-route. Growing numbers of British tourists are stopping to see the series of cinema-based pavilions.

But the casual visitor may not be aware of the full extent of the enterprise, which has no parallel in Britain. Alongside the white-knuckle rides and stunning cinematic images are a university campus, a school and a conference and communications centre, as well as a burgeoning industrial estate of high-tech companies. The aim is to produce a concentration of technology that will be a creative force and bring economic benefits to the region.

The presence of the European Distance Education Network's conference is no accident. The opening was performed by René Monory, president of the French Senate and the inspiration and moving force behind Futuroscope. M Monory, who is also President of the Conseil-Général for the Vienne region, had the idea of creating a futuristic project to compete with the attractions of Paris in 1983.

By 1987, the beetroot fields had begun to give way to space-age



The Futuroscope theme park near Poitiers is an entertainment attraction second only to Euro Disneyland

designs. While children and their families have been drawn in ever-increasing numbers to the park of the moving image, communications facilities unrivalled in France have had the desired effect on inward investment by private companies and educational institutions. M Monory is also an enthusiastic European — hence his involvement in this week's conference — and the project has been the catalyst for a series of twinning arrangements.

In term time, the theme park is dotted with parties of schoolchildren carrying out tasks set by the education

unit. Futuroscope has become a popular venue for primary school pupils on study weeks since most of the park's pavilions can be approached on more than one level: often spectacular but also technologically advanced.

Where London's Museum of the Moving Image is primarily historical, Futuroscope looks ahead. It boasts a 360-degree screen, 3D and exceptionally clear film from space, as well as stomach-churning special effects.

Other children and older students

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## Resources and the disabled

**Regina v Gloucestershire County Council and Another, Ex parte Barry**  
**Regina v Lancashire County Council, Ex parte Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation and Another**  
 Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Sir John Balcombe  
 [Judgment June 27]

A local authority was not entitled to take into account the availability or otherwise of resources when carrying out its duty under section 2(1) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 of making a decision as to whether it was satisfied in the case of a disabled person that it was necessary in order to meet the needs of that person to make arrangements for all or any of the matters set out in the section.

Where a local authority had identified such needs of a disabled person, resources might be relevant in considering how the needs might be met.

The Court of Appeal so held: (i) allowing, Lord Justice Hirst dissenting, an appeal by Michael Barnfield, for a decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Waller) (*The Times* June 21, 1995) granting judicial review of decisions by Gloucestershire County Council withdrawing services under section 2 of the 1970 Act but refusing his application for an additional declaration that in assessing or reassessing the needs of a disabled person under that Act a local authority was not entitled to take account of the resources available to it; and

(ii) dismissing unanimously an appeal by the Royal Association for

Disability and Rehabilitation ("RADAR") and Beryl Gilpin against the dismissal by Mr Justice Hirst on July 5, 1995 of an application by Mrs Gilpin's mother, Mrs Annie Ingham deceased, for judicial review of decisions of Lancashire County Council on October 5, 1994 to review Mrs Ingham's care arrangements and on December 9, 1994 that her needs for 24-hour care could best be met by the provision of residential care.

Mr Richard Gordon, QC and Mr Alan Maclean for Barry; Miss Cherry Booth, QC and Miss Helen Mountfield, for RADAR; and Mr Patrick Evans, QC and Mr Christopher Fraser for Gloucestershire County Council; Miss Geneva Caw Caw QC and Mr Clive Lewis for Lancashire County Council; Mr Nigel Fleming, QC and Mr Stephen Kovatis for the Secretary of State for Health, the second respondent in Barry's application.

**LORD JUSTICE SWINTON**  
 THOMAS said the words of section 2 had to be read according to their natural meaning. "Need" was an ordinary English word meaning a basic or essential requirement. A need was a question of assessment and judgment, not discretion. Whether or not a disabled person had a need had to be assessed in precisely the same way as an assessment as to whether a need which it was necessary to meet but that is not required to meet it because of shortage of funds, resulting in an unmet need.

The concept of an unmet need seemed to his Lordship to lie in the face of the plain language of section 2 of the 1970 Act.

Once the assessment had been made then resources might well be relevant to the manner in which provision was made to meet the need.

Mrs Ingham's needs were identified as being 24-hour care. Lord Justice Hirst delivered a judgment dissenting in part.

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There was a power to provide that which was desirable under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948 and section 47(1) of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990.

In his Lordship's judgment, an individual's need was something which could be assessed or in respect of which a judgment could be formed.

It was difficult indeed to see how a third party's resources or the needs of others could be relevant to making such an assessment or making such a judgment in relation to a disabled person. Once the need was identified, it became a duty to make the provision that was necessary to meet that need.

Resources could not, in his Lordship's judgment, be relevant to a judgment that provision was necessary to meet the needs of a disabled person that it was necessary in order to meet the needs of that person to make arrangements for all or any of the matters set out in the section.

A disabled person could be reassessed after arrangements had been made to provide services, but that assessment could not be based solely on an absence of resources to meet the person's need.

In Mrs Ingham's case his Lordship was not persuaded that Lancashire had behaved in any way improperly or unlawfully in carrying out its duty under the 1970 Act. But in Mr Barry's case the services he had been assessed as needing had been unlawfully withdrawn solely on financial grounds.

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home. In making that decision it was entitled to take into account the alternative costs.

Once Gloucestershire had identified Mr Barry's need for cleaning and laundry service, the manner in which that need was met, for example by someone doing his laundry at home in a washing machine or by being taken away was within the discretion of the authority and costs would be a relevant consideration.

The local authority was not entitled to take into account the availability or otherwise of resources when carrying out its duty under section 2(1) of the 1970 Act as to whether it was satisfied in the case of a disabled person that it was necessary to meet that need.

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If it were otherwise a local authority with no money in the relevant budget would make an assessment or judgment that it was necessary to meet a need which it was necessary to meet but that is not required to meet it because of shortage of funds, resulting in an unmet need.

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## Producing papers for other side

**Wallace Smith Trust Co Ltd (in Liquidation) v Deloitte Haskins & Sells (a Firm) and Another**  
 Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Waite  
 [Judgment July 10]

In deciding whether to order a party to proceedings to produce any documents for inspection by the other party under Order 24, rule 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, the court should examine the facts of the individual case and, in particular, should consider (a) the central issues in the action (b) the nature of the documents and (c) the information which the documents were likely to contain.

If the party seeking discovery showed that the production of the documents might be necessary for the other party under section 2(1) of the 1970 Act as to whether it was satisfied in the case of a disabled person that it was necessary in order to meet the needs of that person to make arrangements for all or any of the matters set out in the section.

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business after going into liquidation its affairs were investigated by the Serious Fraud Office.

A former partner of Deloitte Mr Gareth Davies and a manager employed by the firm, Mr W. Ginsberg, were interviewed by the SFO on February 13, 1992, in connection with the WSTC investigation.

The interviews were recorded and tapes of the interviews together with transcripts were subsequently prepared.

Written in the present action were issued with a statement of claim which alleged that the two firms as auditors were in breach of their duties in contracts and in tort in failing to detect that the business of WSTC was being conducted fraudulently.

The solicitors for the liquidators sought discovery and production of the documents with transcripts of the interviews for which material already in the applicant's possession.

The Court of Appeal so stated when, inter alia, allowing an appeal by the liquidators of Wallace Smith Trust Co Ltd (in liquidation) by Mr Justice Carnwath on December 21, 1994 of their application for discovery on the ground that he was not satisfied that the production of the documents was necessary for the fair disposal of the case.

Mr Mark Haggard, QC and Mr Philip Sales for the liquidators; Mr Ian Croxford, QC and Mr Andrew Onslow for the defendant firms.

**LORD JUSTICE NEILL** said that the question was whether, subject to any immunity from production, the test for discovery laid down in Order 24, rule 13 had been satisfied.

His Lordship considered the correct approach to be:

1. The general principles underlying discovery remained those contained in *Compagnie Financiere et Commerciale de Pacifique v Peruvian Guano Co* (1882) 1 QB 55. His Lordship expected, however, that those principles and the present practice might have to be re-examined in the near future. The scope of

the production of the documents might be necessary for the fair disposal of the case and an order should normally only be refused after the court had examined the documents and considered them in the light of the material already in the applicant's possession.

Indeed, as was apparent from the speech of Lord Wilberforce in *Nasse* the court would need to inspect the documents where relevance was admitted but it was asserted that the documents were confidential.

Similarly, inspection was likely to be the only safe course where it seemed probable that the documents contained a version of events given soon after their occurrence and at a time when the recollection of the witness would have been fresh.

It seemed to his Lordship that unless protected by some immunity, the tapes and transcripts were undoubtedly likely to contain material necessary for the fair disposal of the action. In the months preceding the interview an internal audit was carried out by Coopers into the events leading up to the liquidation of WSTC.

In February 1992, therefore, Mr Davies and Mr Ginsberg must have had the matters which would be relevant to the issues in the current proceedings at their finger-tips. The tapes were likely to include not only matters of fact but expressions of opinion. Moreover, they were likely to provide an insight into the state of knowledge of the auditors in the period leading up to the collapse of WSTC.

Mr Mark Haggard, QC and Mr Philip Sales for the liquidators; Mr Ian Croxford, QC and Mr Andrew Onslow for the defendant firms.

**LORD JUSTICE ARDEN** said that the claim to public interest immunity was without foundation. In the circumstances he would direct that the matter should be referred back to the judge so that he could inspect the documents himself.

Lord Justice Simon Brown delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Waite agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Allen & Overy; Barlow Lyde & Gilbert.

## Conditional fee scheme protects action

**Connelly v RTZ Corporation plc and Another**  
 Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Ward  
 [Judgment May 2]

Where a plaintiff had no prospect of ever funding the prosecution of his action in a foreign jurisdiction, which was the most natural forum for its trial, but could do so in England, which was not an appropriate forum, by means of a conditional fee arrangement with his solicitors, the interests of justice weighed in favour of the English forum where he could assert his rights.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Edward Connelly, from Mr David Steel, QC, who, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, had refused his application for removal by Sir John Wood and upheld by the Court of Appeal (*The Times* October 20, 1995; [1996] QB 36) on the ground that the most natural forum to pursue his personal injuries claim against the defendants, RTZ Corporation plc and RTZ Overseas Services Ltd, allegedly arising out of his exposure to ore dust during employment with a subsidiary of the defendants, was Namibia.

On the previous appeal the plaintiff, while accepting that Namibia was *prima facie* the natural forum, had no prospect of ever funding the prosecution of his action in a foreign jurisdiction, which was the most natural forum for its trial, but could do so in England, which was not an appropriate forum, by means of a conditional fee arrangement with his solicitors, the interests of justice weighed in favour of the English forum where he could assert his rights.

The plaintiff's present application was made on the basis of changed circumstances, namely, that he and his solicitors proposed to make a conditional fee arrangement for conduct of the proceedings in England.

Mr Graham Read for the plaintiff; Mr Brian Doctor and Mr Charles Gibson for the defendants.

**THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS** said that it was necessary for the court to be satisfied that the present proposal to enter into a conditional fee arrangement was not a mere subterfuge.

However, the fact was that the plaintiff's previous legal aid certificate had now been discharged; if any future application were to be made, it would be the plaintiff's duty to serve notice on the defendants of the grant of a certificate; and undertakings had been given, in particular by the plaintiff's solicitor, an officer of the court.

**Depriving EC nationals of income support**

**Remelien v Secretary of State for Social Security and Another**  
**Regina v Same, Ex parte Wolke**  
 Before Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Phillips  
 [Judgment June 18]

A European national who was not a United Kingdom national and who had received a letter from the Home Office that she must make arrangements to leave the country as she had become a charge on public funds could lawfully be deprived of income support.

She had received an authority letter conveying a serious instruction which was within the meaning of regulation 2(3)(b) of the Income Support (General) Regulations (SI 1987 No. 1667), as amended by regulation 4 of the Income Support (Amendment) Regulations (SI 1993 No. 315), that she was required by the secretary of state to leave the United Kingdom.

The Court of Appeal so held, Lord Justice Phillips dissenting, when allowing appeals from Mr Commissioner Messer and Mr

Richard Plender, QC and Miss Geraldine Clark for the secretary of state; Mr John Howell, QC and Mr Stewart Wright for Ms Wolke; Mr Ramby de Mello and Mr Leon Daniel for Ms Remelien.

**LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY** said that both women had entered the country with partners but were now single parents. Ms Remelien had two children and Ms Wolke had one child. Each received income support.

Each had received a letter from the Home Office stating that she had become a burden on public funds and that she should make arrangements to leave the United Kingdom.

Ms Remelien was a French national and Miss Wolke Dutch. Thus in early December 1993 Ms Remelien had no right to live, work or settle in the United Kingdom which was enforceable under either domestic or Community law. She was not an illegal entrant. The position of Ms Wolke in early April 1995 was substantially the same.

Ms Remelien submitted that the Commissioner and Mr Justice Popplewell were wrong to construe the words used in the letters as they did. He contended that when

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**Snowball scheme is an unlawful lottery and company must repay all moneys received**

**One Life Ltd (in Liquidation) v Ray and Another**  
 Before Mr Justice Carnwath  
 [Judgment July 2]

A company incorporated as a vehicle for a "snowball scheme" was, under section 1 of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976, conducting an unlawful lottery as its sole trading activity and was, therefore, liable to repay to participants all the moneys contributed by them to the scheme since such sums could not constitute profits out of which distributions could properly be made.

Furthermore, the scheme, although called a "business game" was not a "game" or "gaming" for the purposes of the Gaming Acts of 1845 and 1968.

Mr Justice Carnwath so held in the Chancery Division on an application for summary judgment by the liquidator of the plaintiff company, One Life Ltd, when making orders against Mr Clifford Noel Roy and Mrs Cornelia Roy entitling the liquidator to repayment of £66,070.

Mr Roger Kaye, QC and Mr Edmund Cullen for the plaintiff; Mr Ronnie Tager, QC and Ms Michelle Stevens-Hoare for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said that the defendants together

intended to introduce new members of the company, the first defendant being sole director and the second defendant company secretary. The company traded for just over a year between November 6, 1994 and November 13, 1995 when a winding-up petition was presented by the secretary of state.

A winding-up order followed on January 17, 1996.

The action sought recovery of money withdrawn by the defendants amounting in total to £66,070, plus interest. The defendants claimed that those moneys were properly paid to them either as dividends or salary.

It was argued (i) that the company was conducting an unlawful lottery as its sole trading activity and accordingly never made any profits available for distribution (ii) that the purported distributions were made in contravention of sections 2(3) and 2(7) of the 1976 Act.

The company was incorporated on October 19, 1994 as a vehicle for a scheme called "The Businessman Game" which was a form of "snowball scheme" whereby members joining the game were required to pay £2,000, and which was not constitute profits out of which distributions could properly be made by the company.

# Robert in top form again at Hickstead

By JENNY MACARTHUR

**MICHEL ROBERT**, of France, produced a devastating turn of foot on Airborne Montecillo to relegate Britain's William Funnell on Comex to second place in The West Sands Holidays July Stakes, the main event on the opening day of The Royal International Horse Show, yesterday.

In a fast and furious nine-horse jump-off Nick Skelton, competing at his last show before flying to Atlanta on Wednesday, finished in third place on his Olympic reserve horse, Cathleen. But the opening day of the show, which should be one of Britain's equestrian showpieces, was marred by unexplained delays to the classes.

The course walk for the main event started at 5.30pm, 1½ hours after the competition was due to start. Without the demands of television (only the King George V Gold Cup and the Queen Elizabeth II Cup on Saturday are televised) the show's sense of urgency seems to have deserted it.

Once under way, the July Stakes soon rewarded the sprinkling of spectators who had lingered on. In an absorbing contest nine horses were clear in the opening round, although one of the favourites, Marion Hughes, of Ireland, on her Queen Elizabeth II Cup winner, Flo Jo, was not among them, having faulted at the gate.

Skelton, whose Olympic horse, Showtime, is safely installed at the Georgia International Horse Park, set the standard in the jump-off with a superb round on Cathleen — which was acclaimed as the winning one. Funnell, who loves this ground, promptly knocked more than a second off Skelton's time with an attacking round on Comex, the horse on which he finished third in the King George V Gold Cup last year before going on to win The Classic on the last day of the show.

But Robert, who has been overlooked for the French Olympic team, also made a habit of winning at Hickstead — most recently on the opening day of the Nations Cup

meeting in May. Yesterday, throwing caution to the wind, he swept round the seven-fence course to finish half a second faster than Funnell.

With John and Michael Whitaker competing at The Great Yorkshire Show yesterday, the only other member of Britain's Olympic team at Hickstead was Geoff Billington, on Mancuso, who incurred eight faults in the opening round.

"I knew we'd be struggling

— there are some good horses here," Billington said. The competition will be even stronger today when the two Whitakers arrive to prepare for Saturday's King George — one of the most coveted prizes in the sport. Earlier, Stanny van Paesschen, a member of Belgium's Olympic showjumping team, made a convincing start to the show when he won the opening class on his Belgian-bred gelding, Capricieux des Six Censes, by a margin of 3.51 seconds.

Ireland, who dominated the show last year, filled the next two places — Erik Holstein, on Sir Michael, finishing a fraction of a second ahead of Paul Darragh, on his Barcelona Grand Prix winner, Cera, to take second place. Keith Shore, with his Hickstead specialist, Due Equity, was the best Briton in the class in fifth place.

Van Paesschen, one of the most popular riders on the circuit, was fulsome in his praise for the Belgian-bred Capricieux des Six Censes after his lightning round.

"He's a fantastic horse — very careful and, on a good day, capable of winning a grand prix," he said.

The gelding also has a liking for Hickstead's imposing arena. On his first visit — at the Nations Cup meeting in May — he won on the opening day and was runner-up to John Whitaker, on Elanville, on the second day. The only discordant note for van Paesschen yesterday concerned the £500 prize-money.

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He lost the chance of winning double that amount in the later class with his Olympic horse, Mulga Bill, when the gelding failed to match the furious speed in the jump-off.

While Britain's Olympic horses are already at the Georgia International Horse Park — following the advice given by the Animal Health

Trust which recommends a week to recover from the flight and two weeks' acclimatisation — the Belgian and Swiss Olympic teams are not flying to Atlanta until 24 July — two days before the warm-up class.

The flights to Calgary and Monterrey [Mexico] are longer than to Atlanta and we are

usually competing there within two days of arriving," van Paesschen said.

**RESULTS** West Sands Holidays July Stakes: 1, A. Robert (France); 2, N. Skelton (GB); 3, W. Funnell (GB); 4, M. Hughes (Ireland); 5, S. Billington (GB); 6, G. Billington (GB); 7, J. Darragh (Ireland); 8, E. Holstein (Ireland); 9, M. Whitaker (GB); 10, C. Cera (Ireland); 11, S. Shore (GB); 12, K. Shore (GB); 13, C. Due Equity (GB); 14, T. van Paesschen (Belgium); 15, M. Holstein (Ireland); 16, E. Holstein (Ireland); 17, S. Cera (Ireland); 18, G. Billington (GB); 19, C. Cera (Ireland); 20, S. Shore (GB); 21, K. Shore (GB); 22, S. Billington (GB); 23, T. van Paesschen (Belgium); 24, M. Hughes (Ireland); 25, W. Funnell (GB); 26, N. Skelton (GB); 27, A. Robert (France); 28, E. Holstein (Ireland); 29, M. Whitaker (GB); 30, C. Cera (Ireland); 31, S. Shore (GB); 32, G. Billington (GB); 33, T. van Paesschen (Belgium); 34, K. Shore (GB); 35, S. Billington (GB); 36, W. Funnell (GB); 37, N. Skelton (GB); 38, A. Robert (France); 39, E. Holstein (Ireland); 40, M. Hughes (Ireland); 41, C. 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RACING: FRENCH-TRAINED SPRINT GIVES MEMORABLE PERFORMANCE IN NEWMARKET DASH

By JULIAN MUSCAT

**ANABAAS** consigned two dears of French misery to the scrapbooks when outclassing his nine opponents in the Darley July Cup at Newmarket yesterday. It was a champagne performance from a colt whose humane destruction had been recommended in his youth.

English sprinters have ruled the European roost ever since Sigi, trained like yesterday's winner, by Criquette Head at Chantilly, landed the Prix de l'Abbaye in 1978. But so complete was Anabaa's rout of Lucayan Prince and Never Gold Rose that it was almost worth the wait. His performance bore all the hallmarks of a champion sprinter.

The Danzig colt loitered in



Anabaa, second right, wins the Darley July Cup from Lucayan Prince, far right. His triumph is captured on a giant television screen next to the course

**RICHARD EVANS**  
Nap: SPECIAL-K (5.40 York)  
Next best: Surprise Mission (4.10 York)

the lead until Mind Games threw down the gauntlet more than two furlongs from the finish. Freddie Head, riding the horse trained by his sister and owned by his mother, asked Anabaa to exert himself and the colt's response was electric.

Having dismantled Mind Games in a dozen strides, Anabaa then had to contend with Lucayan Prince, who had crept through on his inside. Once again, Anabaa's response was immediate. He accelerated to pass the winning post alone, allowing Head a moment of private celebration.

Head's riding has been the butt of many unkind jokes, which have their roots in his wayward passage aboard Lyphard in the 1972 Derby. Anabaa hardly required him to ride at his best, but Criquette gently berated her

brother's treatment by the British media. "Perhaps people will not say that Freddie is not a good jockey," she said. "For that reason, it was important to win today," she continued. "The truth is that jockeys cannot make the horses run faster."

Freddie has borne the sniping remarkably well; it was to his eternal credit that he refused to gloat in his moment of triumph. In truth, he probably acknowledged that Anabaa did everything for him. The four-year-old is an outstanding physical specimen

who dripped with class from the moment he appeared in the paddock. He is versatile, too; connections are keen to try him in the Prix Jacques le Marois over the Deauville mile next month.

Criquette's father, Alec, is the mainstay behind the dynastic Head operation. The family has achieved the same continuity in its finest equine bloodlines, which have long since dominated French breeding. It necessitated the emergence of an outstanding talent in André Fabre to break their stranglehold on French

racing. Alec it was who formulated Anabaa's recuperation programme, and who spotted the horse's potential at a tender age.

"I look at Sheikh Maktoom's yearlings every year," he said, "and Anabaa made a big impact as soon as I saw him. I rated him 19 out of 20 and I have never seen a 20 yet. After he recovered from his back problem, we knew he would need all of last season to recover his mind and strength. He was just a shadow of himself."

He continued: "I thought

Anabaa could always do the job of a stallion teaser at our stud farm if he never fully recovered. Now I will have to find a teaser for him. This moment joins the victories of Three Troikas in the Arc and Bering in the Prix du Jockey-Club among my special memories. It has been a dream of a story from day one." All that from a man who will have forgotten more Turf highlights than most achieve in a lifetime.

It may be that Anabaa caught the principal home defenders on something of an off-day. Pivotal, the King's Stand winner and favourite yesterday, was a spent force too early to blame the sixth furlong, while Mind Games, who chased Pivotal home at Ascot, appeared lifeless and dull in the preliminaries. Lucayan Prince more than justified his connections' decision to supplement him.

But in the final analysis, the limitations of Britain's sprinters were brutally exposed by the swashbuckling French raider.

**Horses on the move, page 8**

## YORK

**THUNDERER**  
3.40 Sue's Return  
4.10 SEA-DEER (map)  
4.40 Fleming West

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 Count Basie. 3.40 Kamari.

## GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure number in bold indicates runner B — best drawn. R — second best. S — stepped on. R — reduced. D — disqualified. Horse's name: Days since last racing; J — flat; J — flat (B — blunders); V — vicor; H — head; E — Eyebrow; C — course winner; D — distance winner; CO —

course and distance winner. BF — beaten in race; G — good to firm; H — good; S — soft; good to soft; heavy. Owner in brackets. Times, age and weight. Rider plus all expenses. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

1995: BEHAVIOR 3-5-7 Paul Eddery (10-11 heat) Mrs J Cach 6-10  
12-1 Mrs Harehorne 15-1 others

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS  
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.05 TIM HODGSON KEY OF THE DOOR RATED HANICAP (£8,300; 1m 31 195yd) (9 runners)

101 (7) 12/10 20 SON OF SHARP SHOT (Midlander Hertog) J Darley 6-9 9 P Eddie 97  
102 (4) 12/10-4 THIMASHAN 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs J McEvoy) J Darley 4-4-1 D Headcorn 97  
103 (6) 5/24-6 ENGLISH INVADER 21 (D,F,G) (Midland B Britain) 6-9-9 J Weare 95  
104 (1) 01/15-20 PELTIER DUANE 21 (D,F,G) (Midland B Britain) 6-9-9 J Weare 95  
105 (2) 2/20-20 PELTIER DUANE 21 (D,F,G) (Midland B Britain) 6-9-9 J Weare 95  
106 (11) 6/15-20 REMANDI SUN 13 (D,F,G) (Sather) M Luton 3-7-12  
107 (2) 3-5/20-21 THREE HILLS 13 (G) (Abdullah B Hills) 3-7-12  
108 (9) 2/20-21 COUNT RAP 13 (G) (Lucian Stach) 3-7-12  
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## CYCLING

# Gonzalez prevails in speedy finish

By PETER BRYAN

MIGUEL INDURÁIN, relaxed after the one rest day in the Tour de France, kept everyone guessing yesterday during most of the 202-kilometre, eleventh stage from Gap to Valence about whether he could or would launch a counter-attack to reassess his authority on the event.

The Spaniard, the only rider to win the race five years in succession, had tempted a few critics — and some ambitious pretenders to his throne — to place a question mark earlier in the week about his ability to reach the finish in Paris and claim his sixth victory.

His failure to take command of the race on its arrival in the foothills of the Alps gave the feeling some credence; unusually, Indurain suffered and had to draw on all his reserves to hold eighth position overall.

Yesterday Indurain went to the line trailing Bjarne Riis, of Denmark, the leader, by 4min

56sec.

**TOUR DETAILS**

ELEVENTH STAGE (Gap to Valence) 202km; 1. C Gonzalez (Col. Keane) 2hr 10min 40sec; 2. M Indurain (Col. Keane) 2hr 10min 41sec; 3. A Basso (It. M5-Tecnomar); 4. L Brochard (Fr. Festina); 5. M Fincato (It. Festina); 6. Roux (Fr. TDF) at same time; 7. S Cipolla (It. M5-Tecnomar); 8. G Bozzi (It. M5-Tecnomar) same time; 10. F Zabel (Ger. Telekom) 2hr 2min 51sec; 11. F Baldato (It. M5-Tecnomar); 12. M Baroldi (It. M5-Tecnomar); 13. G Talmont (Fr. Auberjonnaise); 14. M Piccoli (It. Bresciano); 15. S Sartori (Fr. Cofidis); 16. G Franchi (It. M5-Tecnomar); 17. G Ross (It. Sunderland) (Aus. Lotto); 20. R Vingone (Fr. Festina); 21. G Bozzi (It. M5-Tecnomar); 22. G Bozzi (Col. Keane) 3hr 1min 35sec; 23. Y Rizzo (Col. Keane) 3hr 1min 36sec; 24. G Bozzi (Col. Keane) 3hr 1min 37sec; 25. G Bozzi (Col. Keane) 3hr 1min 38sec; 26. G Bozzi (Col. Keane) 3hr 1min 39sec; 27. G Bozzi (Col. Keane) 3hr 1min 40sec; 28. G Bozzi (Col. Keane) 3hr 1min 41sec; 29. G Bozzi (Col. Keane) 3hr 1min 42sec; 30. 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MOTOR RACING: AS THE SEARCH FOR CHAMPIONS OF THE FUTURE GOES ON, FERRARI'S LAST WINNER LOOKS BACK

# Still struggling to fill Scheckter's shoes

OLIVER HOLT



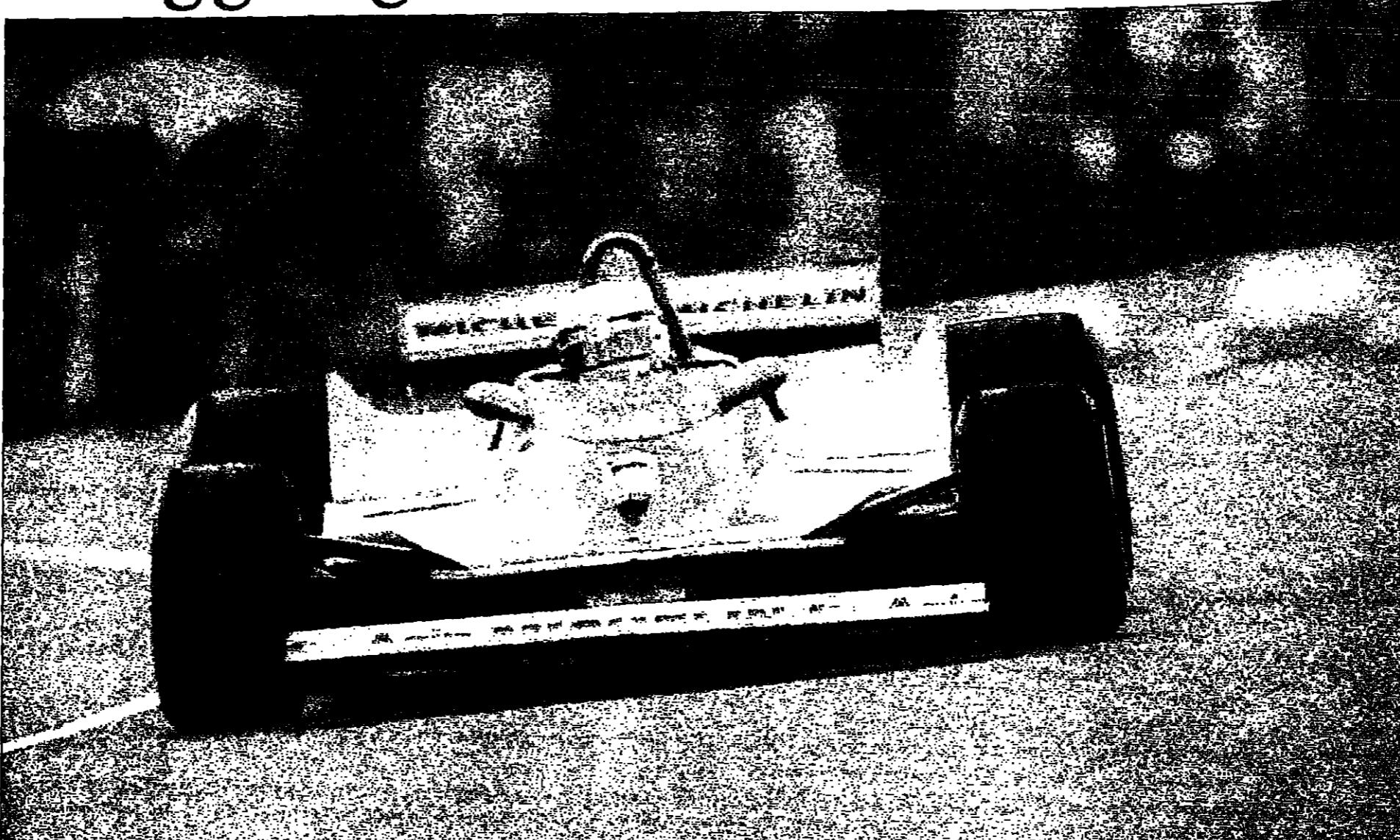
THE man whom Michael Schumacher envies more than any other has not been to a grand prix for five years. At times, he says, he forgets that he ever drove a Formula One car. As for the distinction that he holds, the feat that has sapped the strength, warped the brains and destroyed the careers of so many drivers who have tried to follow, he speaks of it as though it were almost a footnote in his life.

When Jody Scheckter won the world drivers' championship in a Ferrari in 1979, ahead of his team-mate, Gilles Villeneuve, Alan Jones and Jacques Laffite, he unwittingly sparked one of the longest-running, strangest droughts in sporting history, something that ranks with Manchester United's failure to win the football League championship title for a quarter of a century and the New York Rangers ice hockey team's agonising quest for the Stanley Cup.

Since then, drivers such as Patrick Tambay, René Arnoux, Nigel Mansell, Alain Prost, Gerhard Berger and Jean Alesi have all tried and failed to emulate Scheckter by winning the title for Ferrari. This year, Schumacher was the man who was supposed, at last, to repeat the achievement but, as he prepares for the British Grand Prix at Silverstone on Sunday, he is finding out how difficult it is even to get close to doing what the South African managed with only three wins 17 seasons ago.

"People ask me sometimes how I would feel if another Ferrari driver finally won the world championship," Scheckter said. "They seem to think it would be a blow to me, that it would somehow take something away from me. Well, to be honest, it did not do that much for me when I won it in the first place, so it would make no difference."

Schumacher is at least making optimistic noises about his chances this weekend. New parts on the Ferrari have been promised, but, after successive debacles in Canada and France, the German's world championship for the Italians this year is all but gone. He is already talking about extending his contract until 1998 to give himself a better chance of lifting the title again.



Scheckter, then the world champion, driving for Ferrari in the 1980 British Grand Prix at Brands Hatch in which he finished tenth. Photograph: Steve Powell

Scheckter has watched the travails of the team with a degree of sang-froid from the other side of the Atlantic. After he retired from Formula One in 1980, he started a business in Atlanta, Georgia, selling simulators for firearms training. Last month, it was sold for several hundred million pounds, and Scheckter is moving back to England.

"By the time I was there, the Old Man was at a stage, physically and mentally, where he could not run around and sort everything out. But we had a sporting

Ferrari president] has come along and thrown money at the problems and he has done a lot of things to make it a leading team again."

If Schumacher is hoping for any good omens from Scheckter's performances in British grands prix, though, he is pinning his hopes on the wrong man. He did win the race once, in 1974, but the previous year was one he would rather forget.

At the end of the first lap, he came hurtling through Woodcote, the last corner, which was taken flat out then, and lost control coming into the pit straight. He smashed into the pit wall in his McLaren and, as it slewed back across the track, a succession of cars ploughed into him and the race had to be stopped. John Surtees, then team owner, was so incensed by the damage inflicted on his three cars that he stormed off in search of the South African, who was being hidden by his team.

Schumacher will want to avoid that kind of ignominy on Sunday after the cruel luck he has suffered in recent weeks, but he might even submit to that fate on Sunday if he could trade it for the same success Scheckter enjoyed in 1979.

## Driving for Ferrari is an experience in life I wish more people could have'

still Ferrari's last champion. He thinks Ferrari are back on track at last but his message to Schumacher is to "enjoy" the drive while it lasts.

"I liked the people, I liked the food, I liked everything about Italy," Scheckter said. "The whole time I was driving there was a great experience.

Winning the championship was one thing, but driving for Ferrari is an experience in life I wish more people could have. You are such a focus for the whole country.

director, Marco Piccinini, who was so much behind him and linked so well with him that enough leadership remained to carry us to the championship.

"They went through a period when nothing was done, though, after that and the longer you do not do things, the longer it takes to redo. The longer you have no leadership, the longer you have to have good leadership. They are still in transition, I think. [Luca di Montezemolo] the present



Since his retirement, Scheckter has been running a business in Atlanta, Georgia

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## TENNIS

### Henman aims to further Britain's cause in Accra

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THERE are certain perks that go with being the British No 1 — endorsements, money, adulation — and certain responsibilities. After two weeks of "Henmania" at Wimbledon, Tim Henman is getting down to the nuts and bolts of being a British tennis player, leading the Great Britain team into its Davis Cup second-round tie in Ghana.

Victory is vital if Britain are to gain promotion from group two of the Euro-Africa zone. That would set them on their way as they try to climb back to the world group, the premier league of tennis. The tie also has great importance in Ghana — it is the first time the Ghanaians have played Britain at any sport on home turf and they relish the prospect of an upset.

To add a little spice to the proceedings, the announcement of the tie was greeted by a gentle dust-up between the team captains. David Lloyd, less than happy with the prospect of his players flying to Africa a couple of days after Wimbledon, only to come racing back to get ready for the Olympic Games, wondered if the Ghanaians might like to play the match in England. The Ghanaians replied that a few hours on an aeroplane and an armful of inoculations were nothing compared to the risk of mad cow disease their players would face in Britain. The tie stayed in Accra.

But since their arrival in Ghana, the British party of Henman, Luke Milligan, Neil Broad and Mark Petchey have

#### CUP DRAW

Great Britain names first  
TODAY: T Henman v I Donkor L Milligan  
TOMORROW: N Broad and M Petchey v D Orambe and T Quaye (20)  
SUNDAY: Henman v Ofori Milligan v Donkor (11)

found their welcome nothing but hostile. To make it as much like home as possible, it even rained yesterday as the draw was being made.

They also know, however, that the 1,000-strong crowd expected at the stadium will be nothing if not partisan, and even the world rankings suggest that Britain should win with ease, Lloyd is taking nothing for granted. "The crowd will undoubtedly help Ghana," he said, "and it is likely to be a real test of nerve."

Henman's nerve will be tested first this morning, as he

plays the Ghana No 2, Isaac Donkor. Donkor does not have a world ranking but, like his colleagues, plays his tennis in the American collegiate system. Only Frank Ofori, the top Ghana player, has started to make his way on the ATP computer and is ranked 500. He is Milligan's opponent.

The problem of the line

judges seems to have been solved. When Malta played in Accra a couple of months ago, the match referee reported back to the International Tennis Federation (ITF) about dubious line decisions falling in Ghana's favour. Certainly the Ireland players, who have appeared in Accra twice, were surprised by 69 overruled calls in one tie alone. But this fixture will be played under the watchful eye of the ITF Davis Cup director, Thomas Hallberg, which should inspire some confidence in both camps.

The conditions will be demanding. Playing the best of five sets with temperatures in the 90s and the humidity high will not be easy. The court surface, too, favours the Ghanaians. A notoriously fast hardcourt in previous years, it has now been resurfaced with a textured paint, slowing it down considerably and favouring the baseliners. Long rallies in the heat will not help Britain's cause.

Yet British tennis has only itself to blame. If Jeremy Bates and Mark Petchey had not lost commanding leads in the home tie against Romania two years ago, Britain would not have been relegated in Euro-Africa group two.

NEARLY 14 months ago, South Africa's return to the forefront of world rugby began with victory over Australia in the opening match of the World Cup. Tomorrow, in Sydney, the countries meet again, with South Africa now the comparatively settled power and Australia undergoing a period of considerable introspection (David Hands writes).

Defeat by 43-6 against New Zealand on the opening weekend of the new tri-nation tournament hurt Australian pride. Its recovery will be one of the prime motivating factors for John Eales's team against a South African XV rated 2-1 on favourites, even though their only preparation

for the tournament has been a scratchy victory over Fiji earlier this month.

Australia also have the considerable kicking prowess of Matthew Burke. That weapon was blunted last week because the All Blacks played such disciplined rugby. Burke had just two kicks at goal and he scored with both. In contrast, Andre Markgraaf, the new South Africa coach, worries at the success rate of his kickers in the absence of Joel Stransky.

AUSTRALIA: M Eate, B Tute, J Bell, T Horan, D Camrose, P Howard, C Grogan, M Coughlin, J Eales (captain), D Wilson, G Brol. SOUTH AFRICA: A Joubert, J Smal, J Marais, B Venter, P Horne, H Horne, J van der Westhuizen, J du Plessis, J Botha, M Hurley, F Pienaar (captain), J Ackermann, M Botha, D Wilson, B Tute.

A meeting that used to be plain sailing has now become a political and sporting maelstrom.

Scheme to nurture British talent

BY OLIVER HOLT

FRANK WILLIAMS, the Williams team owner who faces a battle to hang on to Damon Hill if he wins the drivers' world title this year, last night gave his backing to a new initiative designed to find future British Formula One world champions.

The French petrol giant, Elf, will announce today that it is to organise a three-day course for aspiring British drivers at the Silverstone Driving Centre later this year. The winner will be sent to Elf's world-famous driving school, La Filiere, at Le Mans, where he will learn engineering skills and compete free of charge in a single-seater car for a year.

La Filiere has already launched the careers of more than 30 Formula One drivers, including the four-time world champion, Alain Prost, and the winner of the Monaco Grand Prix this year, Olivier Panis. It will be the first time an English pupil has been the beneficiary of Elf's search for talent.

"The scheme has worked very well for the French," Williams said yesterday. "There are a number of world famous names who were protégés through their system, including Prost. There are fewer Brits in the scheme than French, which is our fault for not having the money to help these guys, but if the right man arrives through the scheme, he will emerge as a world champion candidate."

"We have had quite a few good guys in the past and Damon, of course, is the current manifestation of British success in Formula One. David Coulthard also comes straight into my mind because he was with us, too, and I think he is going to go a long way. There are not enough British drivers for my personal satisfaction, but with a help of La Filiere, there may be more. There needs to be more."

"What I look for when I am assessing drivers is the name that keeps winning in whatever they do, whether it be Formula Campus, Formula Renault, Formula 3 or Formula 3000. A star will keep winning in all those categories and win frequently and they are the people you then begin to watch. This type of scheme provides an opportunity for young men to make it and for people in my type of position to examine the upcoming talent and make decisions for the future."

"The talent we are looking for is very, very special. It is a gift, but you also need great mental application, great determination and preparedness to work very hard."

## RUGBY UNION

### RFU prepares for stormy session over television deal

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) began this year in the turbulent waters of a special general meeting in Birmingham which ran away from them: many of the same club delegates will gather at the Hilton Hotel in London this evening for the annual meeting of the RFU and an equally stormy ride predicted.

"In any business," one of the game's leading administrators said this week, "you have to look after the shareholders, the customers. I wonder if the RFU's television deal has done that." The union's agreement to sell broadcasting rights to satellite television will come

under close scrutiny tonight from exactly those customers — those who administer and develop the game in 95 per cent of the country.

John Richardson, the incoming president from Warwickshire, will call for unity in his speech, but the RFU acknowledge there are more battles yet to fight. "I expect some difficult questions," Tony Haller, the RFU secretary, said. "I think we've had a hell of a year in rugby; it's changed its ethos, it's changed some of its spirit, too. There have been a lot of shocks for people who support the game, who want to watch it from

their armchairs, but with the new deal with BSkyB [in which News International, owner of *The Times*, has a forty per cent stake] we can fund a game which is now a lot more expensive to run."

It will be a relief for Haller that the senior clubs, though they have reservations about the length of the proposed television deal — five years — are behind them. "We are very supportive of the deal," Donald Kerr, chairman of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs, said. "But we are concerned that one or two individuals seem to want to undermine it."

"As beneficiaries of the agreement, if someone tries to break a binding agreement, we would hold them liable. We would have preferred a three-year deal, but there is only one bidder in town. People have to be realistic and ask themselves what the alternative is."

However, Will Carling, the recently-retired England captain, has expressed reservations. "My personal view is that the RFU shouldn't have gone to Sky," Carling said. "Rugby is a small game compared to football and it needs to market itself. Unfortunately, I don't believe it can do that on Sky." Others may cite the example of the Scottish Open golf tournament, whose profile for sponsors was said this week to have suffered after its transfer from terrestrial to satellite television.

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Milligan: singles choice for Britain



ATHLETICS: IRISHWOMAN AIM FOR 5,000 METRES WORLD RECORD AT CRYSTAL PALACE

# O'Sullivan plans time of her life

Sonia O'Sullivan was sitting in a lounge at Nice airport yesterday, looking out of the window on a clear, sunny morning. "I'll just pack a little bit of this weather into my bag and take it to London," she said, thinking ahead to the Seacor Games at Crystal Palace tonight, the last grand prix before the Olympic Games.

A world record now would give O'Sullivan lift-off for Atlanta and she is anxious that the elements will be kind. "The faster I run, the more confident I will be going into the Olympics," Ireland's favourite sportswoman said. Not that she lives in Ireland any more. Teddington is home and it will be a comparatively short trip across south London today for the 5,000 metres challenge she has set herself.

Given favourable weather, O'Sullivan will attempt to break the world record of 14min 36.45sec set by Fernanda Ribeiro, of Portugal, the 10,000 metres world champion, last year. It was on her mind in Oslo last Friday, when she won the 1,500 metres, and it was in her thoughts again in Nice on Wednesday, when she ran the fastest 3,000 metres of the year. "I was definitely thinking more about Friday than I was about a fast time last night," O'Sullivan said. "I was going down the last 100 metres thinking, 'Just cool it'."

Still she managed to record 8min 35.42sec, seemingly riding the back of a tandem while Julia Vaquero, a Spaniard, did all the pedalling from the front seat. While Vaquero's legs and arms worked furiously, O'Sullivan looked relaxed, her effortless action and long stride a model example of efficient running. O'Sullivan kicked away from Vaquero on the last lap, 62 seconds with the girls on down the finishing straight.

She is undefeated in eight races this season, believes she is fitter than ever, and has set herself the target of two Olympic gold medals for a country which has not celebrated one in 40 years on the track, not since Ron Delany won the 1,500 metres in Melbourne. If she succeeds, her home town of Cobh, Co Cork, will not be big enough to fit in everybody who wants to be there when she makes her first post-Atlanta visit to see her parents and brother.

She describes going back to

DAVID POWELL



Athletics Correspondent

Cobb as "kind of like walking into a room, not that I know everybody, but everybody knows me". She cannot concentrate on training there, with "people winding down their windows, waving and beeping their horns when I go for a run". Teddington is different, a place to train in relative obscurity.

Cobb was bursting, and a stage erected so people could see her, when O'Sullivan went to the family home after the 1993 season. She had not even won at the world championships in Stuttgart, taking silver in the 1,500 metres and finishing fourth in the 3,000 metres. It was the sudden improvement of Ma Junren's group of Chinese women runners that prevented her from becoming a double world champion.

Nobody from outside China finished ahead of O'Sullivan in either race. While others, Liz McColgan and Joanne Allison, the Great Britain team manager, among them, openly accused the Chinese of illegal drug taking, this was one stage O'Sullivan was not prepared to climb onto. She used the Chinese world records to break down her own ideas of how fast women could run.

The next summer, O'Sullivan set a European record for 3,000 metres, beating the 8min 22.62sec run by Tatyana Kazankina in 1984. "That 8.22 seemed impossible the year before the Chinese came along," O'Sullivan said. "I had to readjust the values I had in numbers. They made me set different targets in training."

The Chinese missed the



O'Sullivan moves smoothly past Vaquero on her way to victory in Nice

world championships last year to keep their powder dry for the Olympics. Is O'Sullivan not afraid she could fall victim again? "I have not given it a huge amount of thought," she said. "I mean, what do I do if they are there? I am just going to have to deal with it."

O'Sullivan won the 5,000 metres world title last summer but reflects on 1995 as "a so-so year". Compared, perhaps, to 1994 when she preceded her 3,000 metres European record at Crystal Palace with a 2,000 metres world record, followed by winning the European 3,000 metres title. But hardly

what anybody else would call a so-so year. Certainly not *Track and Field News*, a United States magazine, which polled 45 experts from around the world. It voted her No 1. The same can be said of the entire women's programme, except the 5,000 metres. Roger Black may find Derek Mills testing opposition in the 400 metres and there is a high-quality 110 metres hurdles, even without Colin Jackson. Allen Johnson, the world champion, races Tony Jarrett.

It will be interesting to see how Steve Backley fares in the javelin in his second competition this season while Anthony Whiteman and John Mayock face Venuste Niyongabo over 1,500 metres.

Johnson's absence a blow for supporters

BY DAVID POWELL

THERE are those who would say that the British Athletic Federation (BAF) has received its just deserts for failing to deliver Michael Johnson, the sport's hottest property, to Britain's only grand prix meeting of the year tonight. A half-empty stadium at Crystal Palace seems inevitable, with only 8,000 tickets taken by yesterday. The International Amateur Athletic Federation changed the Olympic schedule to accommodate Johnson's wish to run the 200 and 400 metres in Atlanta, but the BAF remained intransigent over the athlete's request to run the longer event this evening. It insisted he should line up in the 200 metres, or not at all. Not at all.

If Johnson was willing to finish his Olympic build-up in London, the ticket-buying public is entitled to ask why he is not here. Brad Hunt, Johnson's manager, said that his athlete was willing to run the 400 metres for the same fee as the 200 metres. Hunt accused the BAF of manipulating the 400 metres field to save British runners a thrashing before Atlanta.

The BAF may be saved by Sonia O'Sullivan setting a world record in the 5,000 metres, but on the whole, it is a meeting which terrestrial television will not be sorry it is not showing live. Small wonder that the BAF is facing 1997 without a television contract.

Linford Christie has no opposition to speak of in the 100 metres, Jonathan Edwards none in the triple jump, and none of the men's middle-distance events has the world No 1. The same can be said of the entire women's programme, except the 5,000 metres. Roger Black may find Derek Mills testing opposition in the 400 metres and there is a high-quality 110 metres hurdles, even without Colin Jackson. Allen Johnson, the world champion, races Tony Jarrett.

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## BOXING

# Brain scans may be given during fights

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

BOXERS could be given a brain scan during a contest in the not-too-distant future if the Nevada State Athletic Commission is successful in its attempt to develop a machine that can be used at the ringside. The ultrasonic diagnostic equipment would detect brain injury even before a boxer realises something is wrong.

The commission, which is the regulatory body for Las Vegas, the boxing capital of the world, has asked Dr Albert Capanna, a neurosurgeon on its medical board, to examine the feasibility of such a revolutionary idea. "We are trying to develop a machine small enough to be used at ringside. If you had doubts [about a boxer's condition] you would go behind a fighter between the rounds," Dr Capanna told the New York newspaper, *Newsday*.

The commission's concern, which is reflected in an in-depth report into boxing by *Newsday*, has been prompted by the continuing anxiety about the health of Jerry Quarry, one of the few white heavyweight contenders of the Sixties and Seventies who was capable of standing up to men such as Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier.

Despite a CAT scan in 1983 indicating brain damage, Quarry boxed three times after that, twice that year and once in 1992. Although in good physical condition at 51, his brain is showing severe signs of atrophy.

"You see incredible damage to Jerry's brain from boxing," Linda Rogers, head of research for the Jerry Quarry Foundation and director of the South West Institute for Clinical Research at Rancho Mirage, California, said.

"The characteristics of his condition mimic Alzheimer's disease," Rogers said. "Jerry does not know where he is or what month or day it is. When you ask him, his response is, 'It's not important to me.' He can't recall three items three minutes later." Quarry has poor motor control and, even though he can speak clearly at the moment, his speech is expected to become slurred with age.

## WORD-WATCHING

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### RAMARAMA

(a) An evergreen New Zealand shrub or small tree, *Myrsin bullata*, belonging to the family of Myrtaceae and bearing small white flowers. From the Maori name. W. D. Hay, *Brighter Britain*, 1882: "The ramarama... has a good hard wood."

### TAWA

(b) Hindu, Punjabi frying pan, griddle. A circular griddle used in the Indian subcontinent for cooking chapatis and other food. H. Lawrence, *Journals*, 1842: "The tawa, a convex iron plate on which are baked the thin, unleavened bread of the people."

### TRILBY

(a) A jocular name for the foot, with reference to Trilby's feet, which were objects of admiration in her eponymous novel by George du Maurier published in 1894. H. E. Dudeney, *Canterbury Puzzles*, 1907: "Two feet" - he murmured. "Somebody's Trilby?"

### SCHOONER

(a) Australian and New Zealand. A large beer-glass of locally variable capacity, the measure of beer contained in such a glass. G. W. Turner, *English Language in Australia and New Zealand*, 1964: "A schooner in New South Wales is a 15-ounce glass, in Adelaide a 9-ounce glass."

### SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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## RADIO CHOICE

# Tuning in to Tanglewood

Tanglewood, Radio 3, from 5pm to 1am.

If you don't already know what or where Tanglewood is, you certainly will by the early hours of tomorrow morning. Radio 3 fills eight hours of programmes about the annual musical explosion in Massachusetts. The Tanglewood Festival is the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer home. The orchestra features in the festival's opening event (6.30pm) which was recorded last Friday. This concert includes two works by one of Tanglewood's most celebrated alumni, Leonard Bernstein: the Chichester Psalms and Three Meditations for the Cello and Orchestra. The live Prelude Concert (11pm) features works by Copland and Ives and William Bolcom.

Leek and Potato Pie, Radio 4 (FM) 10am.

At the end of Susan Roberts's programme, you will not be any the wiser about how a leek and potato pie is actually made. But you will know more about these two ingredients than the children who say that the leek "looks like a banana" but doesn't have that thing at the top" and that the potato "has got brown skin and sometimes it's in a chip". Some facts I did learn about the leek is that, like women, the leek demands a lot of attention. Apparently, leeks have been known to thrive on the contents of a baby's nappy. As for potatoes, it was Drake not Raleigh we have to thank for introducing them to England. Scottish Presbyterians condemned the potato as ungodly because the Bible made no mention of it.

Peter Daville

## RADIO 1

FM Stereo 5.30am Mark Radcliffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa Lampanelli, incl 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nick Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, incl 5.30-6.45pm Newsbeat 7.00 Eddie Jordan 10.00 Children in the Zoo 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 3.00 Anne Nightingale 5.00 Clare Sturges

## RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Noggin 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30 Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Are You Singing Comfortably 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 8.45 The Thirty-Nine Steps (9/10) 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 The Buxton Festival 12.00am Charles Lowe

## RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme incl 6.55, 7.55 Racing preview 8.05 *It's Magazine*, with Sue Nelson 9.00 News from Europe and Africa 11.00 Science News with Sue Nelson 11.30 *Midday with Meir*, incl 12.30 *Sport* 1.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 2.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 3.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 4.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 5.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 6.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 7.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 8.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 9.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 10.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 11.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 12.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 1.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 2.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 3.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline Moneychuk 4.00 *Five O'clock News* with Pauline 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# The perfect male: so what if he's a fish?

While it may be rude to dismiss an entire alien culture's medicinal beliefs, have you ever stopped to consider the oddness of the Chinese obsession with potency? "What is wrong with us?" the Chinese ask themselves. And looking around at their millions of friends and relations, they come up with the astonishing reply "Impotence". I mention this not to be contentious, but because last night's (BBC1) took us — yet again — to the street markets of Hong Kong where another endangered species is sold in powdered form in the cause of sexual success. And it is hard not to be angry that's all. To the miserable list of bear gall, rhino horn and tiger bone, we must now add seahorse. They say the seahorse mates for life and therefore promotes sexual happiness in those who ingest it. There is a moral here, obviously: behave decently in the animal

kingdom, and you get wiped out. The first 15 minutes of last night's film was very, very charming. Rippily piano music accompanied magical footage of seahorses bobbing amid sea grass in the wild, watched by a marine biologist called Amanda. In the trailers for this programme, Amanda's own future sounded worryingly shaky ("Now under threat of extinction, this woman has dedicated herself...") and I can only hope a grammatical lapse was to blame. Amanda has been studying the seahorses in a small area of Sydney Harbour, and has formed a special bond with Male 97, at the same time as trying to maintain scholarly detachment. But it's obviously hard not to love these widdy creatures. When you hold out a finger to a seahorse, it grips you with its tail. "I've been held in hand with a fish!" said Amanda. And not everyone can say that.

The attractiveness of the

seahorse is not hard to explain. They are delicate and pretty, and they pose vertically like question marks; they entwine tails with each other and mate face-to-face, forming a combined heart-shape in the water. The male carries the young, swells up hugely, and then puffs the babies into the water through a hole, like a cartoon saxophone blowing crotchetts and quavers. Amanda has discovered that the seahorse male stays at home, to be visited daily by the female; and that when the couple see each other, they dance.

The utter inoffensiveness of these creatures made their plight even more upsetting, of course. While trying hard not to imbue them with human feelings, Amanda couldn't help telling us that seahorses are so wrapped up in each other, they even ignore guests. (Friends get fed up with this, presumably, and stop com-

ing.) Whether Marianne in *Sense and Sensibility* ever heard about the seahorse, I can't say, but she would certainly be quaking. Let us not to the marriage of true minds admit "impediment" with tears in her eyes if she did.

After the delightful, dream-like marine section of the programme, *QED* pursued the question of seahorse depletion, and followed Amanda to the Philippines —

failing to notice the irony of the name Philip deriving from "lover of horses" — where the seahorse is fished to extinction. A clever and original conservation compromise has been hatched there, by which the fishermen still catch seahorses, but let them breed as well. It looked excellent, but I couldn't help wondering whether instead of going to all this trouble to serve the Chinese market, there might not be a simpler way of stemming demand — by spreading an ugly rumour, for instance, that the seahorse hates sex and does it badly. If it would only sacrifice its shrinking reputation, you see, the seahorse might save its skin.

Elsewhere last night, the BBC channels were less inspiring. *Vidéo Diaries* (BBC2) was dull; even *Men Behaving Badly* (BBC1) had fewer laughs than usual. But particularly bemusing was Sir (BBC2), a half-hour history lesson at 7.30pm told by means of letters

to *The Times* in 1913 and 1914. The letters were well chosen, well illustrated with photos and newsreel footage — also brilliantly read by a starry cast of actors — but either I missed the first five minutes or there was absolutely no preamble. It just launched in to the Irish question, with the implication that you could either like it or jump it, your choice.

So it was rather unusual television: more like choosing random selections from a CD-Rom. I loved George Bernard Shaw's letter demanding an end to Shakespeare's birthday ("How many birthdays does he want?"), and the grim warnings of a pedantic "Hydra", pointing out that "fix up" was inexorably replacing the simpler "fix". "Human Goller" urged the routine distribution of hot soup to caddies; a railway traveller pointed to the superiority of compartment heat-

ing on the Continent; Annie Besant championed Indian independence; and eminent doctors decried the force-feeding of jailed suffragettes.

Meanwhile (of course), war loomed, Home Rule pressed, and female suffrage refused to go away. It was all jolly interesting. My only quibble was with the irritating decision to quote the whole letter in each case before attributing it. Radio 4 sometimes makes the same stylistic decision, and I must confess I read *Wings of the Virago Book of Woman Gardeners* found me hopping for five minutes at a time — "Who wrote this? Who? Who?" Compounding matters, the reader reaches the end and announces "John Galsworthy" as if it's the answer to a quiz. This gives you no time to match the name to the sentiments before the next pointless torture begins. I had no idea I felt so strongly. Perhaps I should write a letter to *The Times*.

## REVIEW



Lynne Truss

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## BBC1

5.00am Business Breakfast (43286) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (61947) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax)

1.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (620015) 19.50 Wildlife on One: Springbok of the Kalahari (in Ceefax) (738928)

1.20 FILM: Letter from an Unknown Woman (1948) Classic romantic melodrama with Joan Fontaine and Louis Jourdan. Directed by Max Ophuls (5621638) NJL: 12.20pm Lit by Love and Sunshine 10.55 Our Roving Reporter 11.00 News 11.05 The Twelfth

1.50 Holiday Outings: Tunisia (r) (9648218)

1.00 News (Ceefax) (2581015)

1.05pm The Noble Guide: To Englishness (n) (2946473)

1.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (9065251)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (616034)

3.00 Regional News and weather (12683251)

4.00 Even More of Glynn Christian's Entertaining Microwave (12603015)

5.55 Lovejoy: Eric of Arabia (r) (4322034)

4.15 FILM: Perry Mason: The Case of the All-Star Assassin (1989) with Raymond Burr. Perry defends an injured professional hockey star. Directed by Christian I Nyby (822638)

4.15 Knots Landing (r) (7323251) 5.05 Clothes Show Scotland (7623164)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (744152)

5.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (18183)

3.30 Regional News magazines (763)

7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (6725)

7.30 FILM: Future Fantastic. How the transport of the future could include flying cars and even teleportation (Ceefax) (s) (947)

8.00 The Olympic Game. Steve Rider hosts the sports quiz with team captains Daley Thompson and Steve Cram (Ceefax) (s) (5473)

8.30 Big Break (Ceefax) (4980)

9.00 News (Ceefax) (5218)

9.00 One Foot in the Grave. Victor and Margaret's lives become even more gloomy as they are trapped in their garden shed by a swarm of bees (r) (Ceefax) (s) (59251)

10.00 FILM: Chicago Hope: Life Support. The first of a new series of the American medical drama. The doctors inform a man in his thirties, awaiting a heart transplant, that they have decided to give the donor heart to another patient. With Mandy Patinkin and Adam Arkin (422763) NJL: 10.00 The Twelfth 10.35 Chicago Hope 11.20 FILM: The Way We Were (1973) starring Barbra Streisand and Robert Redford. Love story about a political activist and a wealthy socialite. Starting in the early 1930s, the film charts their relationship across 20 years. Directed by Sydney Pollack (7016329)

12.40 FILM: The Grip of the Stranger (1958) with Boris Karloff. A mystery writer investigates the case of a murderer who has been living in the house for 20 years before. Directed by Robert Day (Ceefax) (374426)

1.55 Weather (5691605)

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## BBC2

6.00am The Learning Zone: Open University: Scaling the Salt Barrier (6163015)

6.25 16th-Century Venice and Antwerp (6142522) 6.50 Wildlife on One: Springbok of the Kalahari (in Ceefax) (738928)

7.15 See How Breakfast News (4328670) 7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (5621216) 7.50 Best Bits of Johnny Ball (r) (Ceefax) (s) (510455) 8.20 Secret Life of Toys (r) (s) (5622939)

8.40 The Record (6078133) 9.05 Great Depression (Ceefax) (2590760) 10.00 Playdays (s) (6763327) 10.25 Men in a Suit (Ceefax) (b) (413724) 11.15 Addams Family (r) (Ceefax) (b) (4017812) 11.40 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th Century (2901251)

12.05pm The Phil Silvers Show (r) (7419657) 12.30 World of Life (r) (s) (7647381) 1.15 A-Z of Food (7220247) 1.25 Wear It Well (75463928) 1.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceefax) (259183) 2.20 Open View (38673218) 2.35 Time of Your Life (r) (7642763) 2.50 Holiday Outings (r) (4932034)

3.00 News (Ceefax) (9573270) 3.05 The Natural World (6460164) 3.55 News (2011164)

4.00 Cartoon (7667102) 4.05 Funnybones (r) (7669473) 4.10 To Me... to You (Ceefax) (5085270) 4.35 Clarissa (r) (Ceefax) (5437275) 5.00 Newsworld (Ceefax) (8944367) 5.10 Record Breakers (r) (Ceefax) (703522)

5.35 Goodrich — All Terrain Enduro. A look at one of Australia's toughest off-road races (r) (541434)

6.00 The Champions. Fantasy espionage series (Ceefax) (476541)

6.50 FILM: The Man Who Never Was (1956) starring Clifton Webb. Based on a true story, this wartime drama re-enacts how a British intelligence officer planned to fool the Germans into thinking the Allies were planning to invade Greece, not Sicily, in the spring of 1943. Directed by Ronald Neame (Ceefax) (1621468)

6.50 Gardener's World (Ceefax) (s) (2522)

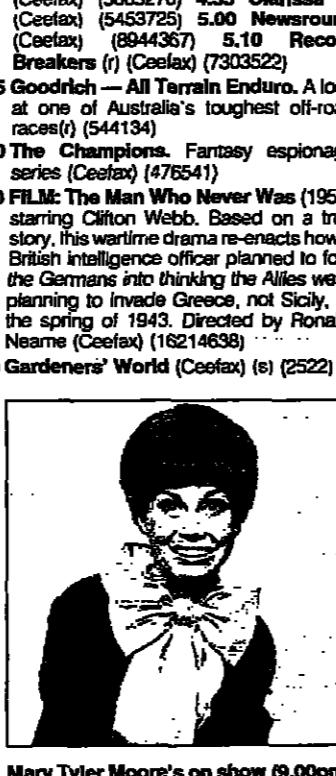
9.00 Dawn and Jennifer's Comedy Zone. This week, Dawn chooses an episode of Dad's Army entitled Menace from the Deep and an episode of the American comedy series *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* (Ceefax) (s)

10.00 Friday Night Armistice. Satirical comedy show (40015)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (191541)

11.15 Oh Brother! The Voice of the Turtle. The pilot episode of the 1960s comedy series starring Derek Nimmo (167744) Followed by Weatherview

11.50 Late Presents: Elvis Costello in Concert. Another chance to see this live set first shown last Saturday (s) (608522). Ends 1.05am



Mary Tyler Moore's on show (9.00pm)

## CHOICE

Future Fantastic: The Incredible Shrinking Planet (BBC1, 7.30pm)

Fancy a day trip to Mars? In the catchphrase of this series, it may come "sooner than you think". Or perhaps not. Like *Tomorrow's World*, of which *Future Fantastic* is a close relative, the show is full of predictions. The test is whether any of them will come to pass. On the radio the other day a woman said she was still waiting for the robot housewife which was featured on *Tomorrow's World* in the Raymond Baxter era. Back to *Future Fantastic*, which is looking at flying cars and other means of popping off to other planets. There is no shortage of inventors to assure us the technology is just around the corner. There is also reference, as in *Electric Dreams*, to science fiction writers. But even Gillian Anderson, the show's confident presenter, is cagey about this one.

Chicago Hope (BBC1, 10.00pm)

America's answer to *Casualty* returns with a solution, admittedly extreme, to hospital waiting lists. For the third time running a dying man has been denied the chance of a heart transplant because the hospital has decided that another patient is more deserving. The man's brother is, to say the least, not pleased. Seizing a gun which has conveniently fallen from the holster of a police officer admitted to the hospital with gunshot wounds, he demands that his brother gets a new heart at once, or else.

Mandy Patinkin's Dr Jeffrey Geiger and the team are faced with a dilemma for which medical school has clearly not prepared them. And with the wounded cop still full of bullets, which are liable to explode and blow off the surgeon's fingers, this one episode contains enough excitement for a series.

Whose Line Is It Anyway? Channel 4, 10.30pm

The improvisational show returns for a new series, the eighth, and as long as the performers are willing there is no reason why it should not go on into the next century. Although BBC Radio must take credit for launching the format, its transfer to the screen gave it a new dimension. Radio is a wonderful medium but it cannot convey either mime or facial expressions, both of which are central to the fun. As ever, Clive Anderson referees, the studio audience shouts out its suggestions for off-the-cuff comic sketches and Richard Vranch provides the music. Ryan Stiles, Greg Proops and Colin Mochrie are tonight's clowns and other regulars featured during the run include Josie Lawrence, Stephen Frost and Caroline Quentin. Look out, too, for guest appearances from *Rory Bremner* and *Ardal O'Hanlon* of *Father Ted*.

Takeover TV Channel 4, 11.05pm

Getting viewers to send in their come-on fannies (190 paid for each one transmitted) may seem a thin formula for a show, but as an undemanding end-of-week entertainment it will just do do. None of the clowns lasts more than a minute, and some considerably less. The advantages are that quantity ensures variety and the duds are over quickly. Many of the contributors seem to have cut their teeth on *The Goon Show* and its television protégé, *Monty Python's Flying Circus*. These are excellent models, and they provide some inspirational offerings, though too much of this same sort of joke can become wearying. Back from the previous series is a ventriloquist whose voice emerges from his buttocks. Each week he delivers a celebrity impersonation, starting with John Major.

Peter Waymark

## HTV

6.00am GMTV (151319) 9.25 The Real Ghostbusters (n) (Teletext) (6803102)

9.30 Hope and Glory (7379056) 10.20 News (3755033)

10.30 FILM: The Scarlet Pimpernel (1982) Conclusion of yesterday's swashbuckler Directed by Clive Donner (68363367)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (5097299)

12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (909176)

12.55 FILM: *She Wrote* (Suzie John) (Teletext) (s) (676537)

1.15 Side Effects (Teletext) (s) (6752076)

1.25pm Coronation Street (7076367)

1.25-1.55 Cross Wits (6122929)

1.55 Home and Away (9213036)

2.25 High Road (6197228)

2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (7640305)

3.10 Home and Away (7840831)

4.00 FILM: McCabe and Mrs Miller (65633367)

4.40 FILM: *She Wrote* (Suzie John) (Teletext) (s) (676537)

5.10 Coronation

Welshman recovers on inward half to retain share of lead at Carnoustie

## Woosnam comes storming home

By JOHN HOPKINS  
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

All that Carnoustie had needed to turn the first day of the Scottish Open into the best possible examination of the mental and physical characteristics required by a professional golfer was better weather. Yesterday it got it. For most of a long second day, it was sunny, and windy, in marked contrast to the drab greyness interspersed with rain squalls of the previous day.

Golf is as susceptible as anything at the seaside to fluctuations in the wind and variations in the temperature and, in mid-afternoon, the wind that had turned Carnoustie's tigerish links into a place of exquisite torture began to pile down. Where once there had been the sound of tent flaps slapping on their restraining ropes, there was now an eerie silence.

It was about this time that Sam Torrance came out of the Bank of Scotland caravan and looked around. He had a grin on his face so, clearly, he had not had to pay the £5 that was being levied on visitors for the privilege of cashing a cheque. "Seaside golf, eh?" Torrance growled. "Terrific if you're playing now."

Torrance had started at 8.30am, when the wind was at its strongest, and you got an idea of how difficult the course was from then until they finished four or so hours later from the fact that he, Costantino Rocca and Michael Campbell were a total of 21 over par. Torrance had a 77, Rocca and Campbell, two of the heroes of that thrilling last afternoon in the Open at St Andrews almost exactly a year ago, had 80s.

Of those who played in the morning, not only did no one break 70 but 24 men did not break 80. Rounds of 71, such as those by Peter Baker, Eduardo Romero and Greg Turner, were heroic. Turner described his 71 as perhaps one of the best rounds of his life.

"I woke up this morning hoping there would be some respite from the wind of yesterday," Turner said. "In fact it was blowing even stronger." The 17th was once again into the wind and, once again, one of the few par-fours that required most competitors to use a wood from the tee and another from the fairway. "I flushed my drive, and I absolutely flushed a three-



Woosnam looks concerned after a wayward shot from the 7th tee at Carnoustie yesterday. However, he was still leading the Scottish Open last night. Photograph: Ian Stewart

wood to get my ball to within 15 feet of the pin," Turner said. Some of the scores were shocking. Joakim Haeggman, a Ryder Cup player in 1993, took an 82. Mark Roe an 84. Barry Lane a 79. Howard Clark went out in 42 and back in 41 for an 83. One of the best comebacks of the day was by David Howell, who needed to the turn in 46, ten over par, only to return home in a gruity 37.

Turner forecast that some players would be close to the end of their teethers. "It is going to blow some minds out there," he said. "I wouldn't be at all surprised if I'm leading at the end of the day."

Turner, three over par, was not a leader but he was not off. The lead was shared by

## SECOND ROUND LEADERS

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

144: J Townsend (US) 72, P Clayton

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Hughes (Aus) 78, 79, B Marchbank 76, 78,

J Pavek (Swe) 74, 75, S McAlister 75, 74,

M Gammie 75, 76, P McNamee 75, 77, 150,

R Gammie (Swe) 75, 77, D February 78,

P Russell 78, 79, R Drummond 73, 75, M

Fang (Fr) 76, 78, N Briggs 78, 79, S Tomes

77, A Collett 75, 76, E Baker 75, 77,

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Ireland. He thought that he had cured it in what, for him, was an inordinate long session with Bill Ferguson, his coach, lasting all of 20 minutes. He was wrong.

The Scotsman refused to be drawn into the chorus of criticism of the flag placements, descriptions of which varied from disgraceful to very difficult. Instead, he revealed a degree of that has not always been present in the past.

"They were tough on some holes but these are real Open Championship pins and the same for all of us," Montgomerie said. "They make this a great venue for the Scottish Open."

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PRIX GUIDE

Cup draw offers  
England  
host of  
benefits

By ALAN LEE  
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND have been drawn in the same group as Sri Lanka, the holders, for the next cricket World Cup, to be staged in England during the early summer of 1999. In what is a favourable draw for the host country, however, England avoid Australia, West Indies and Pakistan.

The draw was made yesterday at the end of the annual meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC), which agreed upon a greatly improved format for the next event. The quarter-finals, which rendered the groups entirely uncompetitive during the event in the Indian subcontinent last winter, have been replaced by a second group stage involving the top six.

Coloured clothing will be used for the first time in international cricket in this country and, with the weather being a potentially significant factor, reserve days will be set aside for each of the 42 scheduled games.

The wrangle over the chairmanship of the ICC was deadlocked at the end of the conference. Jagmohan Dalmiya, the controversial Indian candidate, polled 25 votes to the 13 gained by his remaining opponent, Malcolm Gray, of Australia. In a second ballot, but neither man gained the required support of six out of nine Test-playing countries. Five voted for Gray and three for Dalmiya.

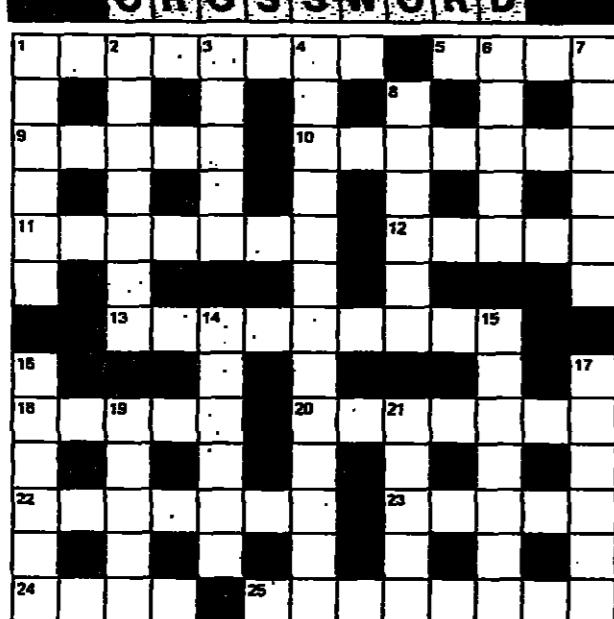
Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, is to head a new development committee charged with expanding the game in unexplored areas. The meeting agreed that there will be a second conference of Test captains in England next May and a sub-committee has been established to examine and update the ICC constitution.

GROUP A: Sri Lanka, India, South Africa, England, Zimbabwe, ICC Trophy runners-up.

GROUP B: Australia, West Indies, Pakistan, New Zealand, ICC Trophy winners, ICC Trophy third-placed team.

Each team will play five round-robin matches. The top three teams in each group qualify for second group stage. The top two teams in group A and the top three teams in group B and the top four after those nine matches will qualify for the semi-finals — first against fourth, second against third.

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# Pressure grows to hit back at US over Cuba curbs

BY MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE Clinton Administration faced furious protests from Britain and other allies yesterday over its implementation of a new law punishing foreign companies deemed to be using confiscated American property in Cuba.

Sources in Washington also disclosed that John Major sent President Clinton a private letter this week complaining strongly about the Helms-Burton Act which the Government considers a violation of international law and trading agreements.

On Wednesday the State Department sent letters to Rupert Pennant-Rea, Sir Patrick Sheehy and other senior executives of Sherritt International, a Canadian mining company with extensive Cuban interests, saying they were to be banned from America.

The Foreign Office described the move as "a wrong-headed restriction on their

freedom to travel and to do business". The Government said it would take up vigorously with the Administration the cases of Mr Pennant-Rea, former Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, and Sir Patrick, former chairman of British American Tobacco.

In a speech to the American Chamber of Commerce in London yesterday, Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, strongly condemned the Administration's "senseless" decision to exclude the two men.

He said that the Government was under "considerable pressure" to introduce counter-measures against American companies, and this was likely to grow as a result of Wednesday's events.

Mr Lang also demanded that Mr Clinton waive another provision of the law, known as Title III, that would allow American citizens whose prop-

erties were expropriated during the 1959 Cuban revolution to sue foreign companies deemed to be exploiting those properties.

Mr Clinton must decide by Monday whether to exercise that right. A high-level inter-departmental meeting was being held at the White House last night to discuss the issue.

The State Department was said to be anxious to avoid upsetting America's allies any further, but waiving the provision would expose Mr Clinton to the accusation of being soft on Cuba in an election year and could cost him the crucial state of Florida.

Canadian officials said Jean Chrétien, the Prime Minister, would be sending a strong letter of protest to Mr Clinton this week. The Canadian Government is also preparing retaliatory action and will be invoking the disputes mechanism of the North American Free Trade Agreement.



King Husain of Jordan at a news conference yesterday. He said he expected Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, to visit Amman next week

## Christian convert to leave Kuwait

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE  
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

ROBERT HUSSEIN, the Kuwaiti who fears for his life after converting from Islam to Christianity, plans to live in America after being promised a new passport by the emir's authorities.

Mr Hussein's identity papers and passport were stolen from his house after an Islamic court ruled that he was an apostate.

Islamic lawyers said he should be killed. He was forcibly divorced from his wife, cannot see his two young children and his building business is in ruins.

After a deluge of protests from Christian groups in Britain and America, the Kuwaiti Government yesterday said that it guaranteed Mr Hussein's safety.

"As to what has been said about this Kuwaiti citizen being subjected to persecution and death threats due to his conversion from Islam to Christianity, this is baseless," government legal advisers told the *Kuwait Times*.

But Dr Simon Qadri, of Christian Solidarity International in London, said: "They have not provided police protection, as they promised, or discouraged the fundamentalists ... they cannot afford to protect the fundamentalists."

Mr Hussein, speaking from hiding yesterday, said: "I am moving from one place to another even as we speak. They cannot make statements saying I am safe when I know I am not. They promised to give me a new passport, then keep asking me to come back to their offices again and again. I have told them ... people will see me coming and going."

The Foreign Office is monitoring the case of Barnabus Benjamin, a British pilot who resigned from Kuwait Airlines in protest at the Islamic court ruling and who was held after putting up posters in Kuwait City about Mr Hussein.

## Americans alerted to Saudi dangers

FROM IAN BRODIE  
IN WASHINGTON

AMERICANS in Saudi Arabia have been warned to take extra security precautions in response to continuing threats of terrorist attacks on American bases and other places frequented by foreigners in the kingdom.

The US Embassy in Riyadh has received reports suggesting further attacks after last month's explosion at the barracks near Dhahran that killed 19 Americans. Individual Americans and US companies in Saudi Arabia have received threatening calls.

Americans in Riyadh reported feverish activity to impose a strict security crackdown. They said concrete blocks, watch towers and floodlights have been placed round several compounds where Americans live. Armoured vehicles driven by the Saudi National Guard are patrolling streets.

Residents said the measures are far more thorough than those imposed last November after a bomb killed five Americans and two Indians. Saudi police checkpoints have barred entry to all vehicles on Talateen Street, a main thoroughfare of boutiques in the capital.

An embassy statement addressed to 35,000 American civilians and 5,000 members of the armed forces advised them to keep a low profile, reduce their travel inside Saudi Arabia and report any suspicious activity or vehicles.

London: Sheikh Muhammad bin Ibrahim bin Jubeir, head of a Saudi parliamentary delegation, said after a meeting with John Major that elections were contrary to the teachings of Islam.

He said that the newly appointed Majlis al-Shura, Saudi Arabia's Consultative Council, would not become an elected body or admit women to its ranks.

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# SUMMER SALE

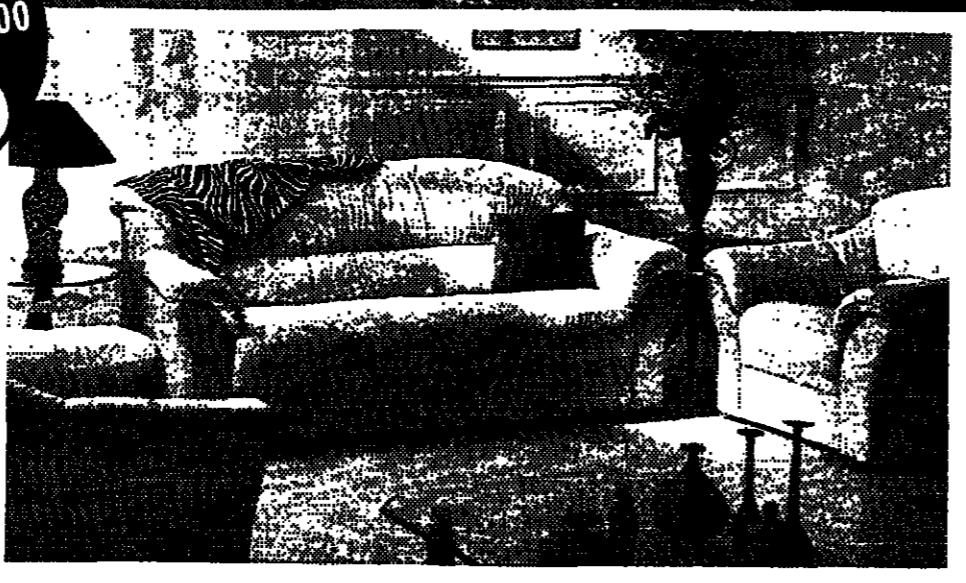
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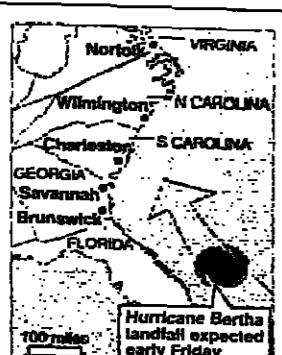
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## US Navy sets sail to ride out worst of Bertha

FROM QUENTIN LETTS  
IN NEW YORK

AMERICAN warships hurriedly left the major naval base of Norfolk, Virginia, to escape Hurricane Bertha yesterday. US Navy officers ordered their vessels to take to sea where they would be safer than in port. "Best place is at sea," said Commander Paul Weishaup. The manoeuvre will save ships being thrown against the dock wall.

Bertha had earlier changed course, no longer posing a threat to Florida. Instead, the storm appears to be heading for the coast of North Carolina, which expects to be hit today. Hundreds of thousands of residents were advised to leave houses and move inland, away from the high seas that are expected to flood low-lying areas. The arrival of the hurricane was predicted to coincide with high tide.

Throughout the day, winds increased along the coast of the Carolinas and hurricane watches were posted up into Virginia. President Clinton, whose official aircraft was hit by bad turbulence in a summer storm, cancelled a flight south from Washington to Florida and ground crew at NASA wheeled the space shuttle Atlantis into a hurricane-proof hangar. Southbound trains were cancelled, and petrol stations reported long queues as people filled cars to escape the looming tempest.

As the hurricane barreled north from the Bahamas, scientists from the US National Hurricane Centre said that the storm was still blowing at 100mph. Some North Carolinians declined to move from their homes, but emergency workers made door-to-door searches and pleaded with citizens to "see sense and skedaddle".

## Perot enters White House race for the second time

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ROSS PEROT, the temperamental Texas billionaire, shook up America's presidential election yesterday by announcing that he will run again this year, provided his new Reform Party nominates him. That it will do so seems almost inevitable.

"We have to be responsive to the people who created this party, and they have a strong desire for me to participate," Mr Perot declared on CNN's *Larry King Live* show, the forum where he announced his 1992 candidacy.

"Certainly," he replied, when asked if he would accept his party's nomination. "I think it is pretty obvious now, I am dedicated to this country, I am dedicated to our children and grandchildren, and I will continue to make whatever sacrifices are necessary." He vowed to do "whatever it takes" to win.

Mr Perot spent \$60 million (£38.5 million) to win 19 million votes in 1992, the best performance by an independent candidate since 1924, and greatly assisted President Clinton's victory by splitting the Republican vote.

Since then his popularity has waned, but he is still a magnet for the disaffected, attracting about 15 per cent in most polls, and could well have a critical impact on this year's race between Bill Clinton and Bob Dole, the leading Republican challenger.

Haley Barbour, the Republican chairman, has said that "a vote for Perot is a vote to re-elect Clinton", but recent polls suggest Mr Perot's remaining supporters are mainly younger, poorer, less educated Americans — natural Democrats. Several polls have shown Mr Perot would take votes equally from Mr Clinton and Mr Dole.

Mr Clinton professed indifference when told of Mr Perot's announcement while golfing in North Carolina. "That's interesting. Let me tell you about my golf game," he replied. Mr Dole displayed greater concern, telling a radio interviewer: "I would hope he wouldn't run. I would hope it would be a two-man race." Mr Perot, a small man with a giant ego, made his intentions clear just one day after Richard Lamm, a former Colorado Governor, announced that he was seeking the Reform Party nomination.

Mr Perot called Mr Lamm a "fine man", but argued: "If anybody should do this, I should do it. I am in a unique position to do it. A lot of people



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### A champion's last stand

The statue of Arthur Ashe, which this week joined the ranks of Confederate heroes on Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia. A handful of white demonstrators protested during the dedication of the statue of Wimbledon's first black men's champion, but about 2,000 other people cheered (an Brodie writes). Richmond, once the capital of the Southern Confederacy, was where Ashe was barred as a youth from playing on segregated tennis courts. By giving Ashe such a place of honour, Monument Avenue

has been transformed into an "avenue for all people", said Douglas Wilder, America's first black Governor. Southern prejudices and racial controversy have surrounded the siting of the statue since soon after Ashe died from Aids three years ago. He contracted the illness after a blood transfusion.

## Olympic Britons win Southern hearts and minds

FROM TOM RHODES IN TALLAHASSEE

FOR the past few days Alana Kousaleos, a ten-year-old American, has been dreaming of her dinner this weekend with a British Olympic gymnast in her home city of Tallahassee, Florida.

The meeting will mark the culmination of her fascination and hero worship for Lee McDermott, 22, from Shropshire, who has been embraced by her family as part of an adoption programme instituted by the state capital over three summers preceding the Atlanta Games.

"He told my dad he will have dinner with me. I'm very excited and I don't care where he takes me," Alana said yesterday as she poured over every detail of the McDermott statistics. "I would love to be come an Olympic gymnast."

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Alana is one of hundreds of locals who have paid \$25 (£16) to enter an "adoption service" that probably has brought the British athletes closer to their host community than at any time in Olympic history. The team is using Tallahassee as its base during the Games and will travel to the Olympic village in Atlanta, Georgia, four hours by bus to the north, for their events.

In the previous two years, there were private dinner parties, barbecues and photographic sessions. It has been a combination of corporate interest and private infatuation. The Honda dealership, for instance, has adopted entire teams, including the women pentathletes and the equestrians. Carl Duke, on the other hand, spent his dollars on the man he hopes is a winner, Linford Christie, the sprinting maestro.

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CHANEL: This season nothing could match the restraint of Karl Lagerfeld. Photography by CHRIS MOORE/ANDREW THOMAS

## PARIS

The great fashion houses show that haute couture is all about showing off

WHEN the legendary fashion photographer Irving Penn was sent to Paris to cover the collections in the 1940s the showings were at night and the invitations specified black tie. "There was no mob of paparazzi, no loud music, just little gold chairs, champagne — very civilised," he remembers. "Then the girls came out, and they were so snooty to the audience. It was wonderful."

Penn would just love the British-born model Honor Fraser (pictured wearing Christian Lacroix), who was the toast of the autumn/winter 1996/97 haute couture presentations in Paris earlier this week. Fraser has developed her snootier-than-thou look into something of an art form: a raised eyebrow here, a glance down her fine nose there, and a withering stare which left the hardiest of fashion doyens asking: "Who does she think she is?"

Honor Fraser was wonderful. Her attitude just right — haute couture is all about showing off. The well-to-do customers get the chance to show off in



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their exclusive clothes designed by couturiers who are madly showing off their abundant skills (or more precisely the skills of the cutters, seamstresses, tailors, embroiderers and beaders).

These are "to-die-for" clothes, and it is the execution which really counts. No matter how simple they may appear, it's the one million hours it took to bead a dress, the billion feathers used to

cover a jacket, or the zillion metres of tulle pleated into a skirt, that elicit gasps. These displays of technical wizardry certainly deserve applause but they occasionally threaten to take over the show.

Gianni Versace is a very clever designer, yet there were times during his show when the Spaghetti Junction seaming on his streamlined silhouettes didn't appear quite so smart. Instead, they just looked, well... complicated. Better were the colourful fake fur stoles which doubled as collars on coats worn with flippy skirts and sexy knee-length dresses. Black tights, punky hair and matching hardcore soundtrack gave the collection a dark edge.

What could be lighter than the wispy black polka-dot dress shown by designer Valentino — all flouncing ruffles? Waterfall necklines, pie-crust frills and feathers (worn at the neck as scarves, and even peeping out from under rows of organza frills on a ballgown) added to the floaty feel. A little black chiffon dress

embroidered with rhinestones worn under a striped velvet blazer, a brown crêpe gown teamed with a beaded jacket trimmed with sable, and a black lace and chiffon cocktail dress show the designer's skill for second-guessing his upmarket clients. At society gatherings Valentino is still the favoured couturier.

The models at the Nina Ricci show probably wondered why they were sharing the catwalk with a 12-piece lounge band and crooner. As the girls passed by he sang *Unforgettable*. Several of the gowns designed by Gérard Pipart were just that, including an elegant black column dress with sparkling navy lace bodice and cocktail stole. Sadly, too many were just uninteresting.

At Scherrer it was the trappings of the old showgirl — long gloves and turbans — which set the scene. There were moments of glory such as feathered jackets and starburst beadwork but for the most part the collection felt like a tired revival. The glamour was old-fashioned.

Gianfranco Ferré bowed out

at Christian Dior with a bang. For his last couture collection for the French house the designer indulged his fans with "every kind of excess". Among the vast ballgowns and seriously tailored suits were sari-style dresses and puffed saffron coats.

THE showman in the pack, John Galliano, presented his second collection for the house of Givenchy. Theatrically decked models were dressed in revealing lace empire-line gowns and strictly tailored hourglass suits with dramatic shoulders and hobble hems. Galliano makes a magpie mix of fashion — sating is cut into a dress, then belted with a lacquered obi. Grannic's needlepoint is stitched into sexy suits, while a fierce leopard coat covers the prettiest chiffon waterfall frilled dress, itself covered with hand-painted roses. Fashion with attitude.

Yves Saint Laurent's latest collection featured tried and tested Saint Laurent touches — a tuxedo suit, a little oriental influence, sizzling colourways.

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clude a top-to-toe bodysuit (worn under everything, including a full-length red chiffon evening dress), which looks like footless tights, and a natty beanie hat which comes in everything from purple stitched velvet to diaphanous black organza. Long coats, short jackets and straight-up-and-down dresses are key. Embroideries based on oriental lacquered screens in Coco Chanel's apartment, where the show was staged, were breathtaking.

The Chanel show was very civilised. There were little gold chairs and champagne. It was wonderful.

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## Philip Howard



■ Translation needs both the old familiarity and the new accuracy

**L**ead us not into temptation — and so say all of us, miserable sinners. But what can this familiar phrase mean? In our age of soundbites, is it the most familiar sentence for English-speakers? "God save the Queen" and "We hold these truths to be self-evident" still make it into the Top Twenty Tags. But the Lord's Prayer, translated into English by William Tyndale and cobbled by the Authorised Version, still casts a global talismanic spell.

"Temptation" is an example of a phrase that is familiar poetry without precision. It does not mean what it purports to mean. Swinburne wrote poetry does not stand close translation; so did Sappho; so do all poets. (Pedantic Pope and mawkish McGonagall are not true poets.)

But Harry Greenway, Rentaquot MP for Ealing North, must be historically, intellectually and linguistically challenged (if he is worth the challenge) when he declares that "The Lord's Prayer has stood for 2,000 years. The language is beautiful and clear. The word temptation is specific and understandable to all." And so is Frank Field MP when he complains about the latest proposal to rewrite the Lord's Prayer into what it may actually mean.

Christ did not recite the Lord's Prayer, 2,000 years ago, in Shakespearean-Jacobean formal English. Nor even in the Vulgate Latin of St Jerome or the Koine, the popular Greek in which St Matthew wrote it down. The word "temptation" has changed its meaning in the past four centuries, acquiring layers of Evangelical and other God-bothering connotation, of a generally sexual sort. The dialect of Aramaic which Jesus spoke, the Hebrew, the Latin *temptatio* and the Greek *peiramos* are neutral in flavour, suggesting "trying" or "proving" by ordeal. This primary sense of testing is what was done to Christ in the Wilderness. The children of Israel "tempted" God in Exodus. God "tempted" Abraham. The word "translated" as "temptation" was extended to apply to the Roman persecution of the Christians. "Save us from the time of trial," or (as in *The New English Bible*) "And do not bring us to the test" is closer to what the Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic mean.

But they are neither as familiar nor as beautiful as the spell. "And lead us not into temptation". For the Lord's Prayer is incantational poetry as well as familiar national rhetoric of orison. It has passed through the minds of 12 generations of English-speakers, so that it does not create a ripple today. Other of its spells, "hallowed be thy name" and "forgive us our trespasses", are meaningless or misleading to speakers of only modern English. The Scottish variant, "forgive us our debtors" gets away from the connotation of trespassing on the laird's land, but is equally anachronistic and misleading, as well as expressing stereotypically un-Scottish sentiment of generosity over loans. The notion that the Lord might want to lead us into temptation is blasphemous as well as a mistranslation.

Language is used to convey emotion as well as precision. Traditional phrases such as the Lord's Prayer are part of our national poetic heritage. We know them in our sleep. There is a case for retaining such ancestral spells as "for now we see through a glass, darkly" for nostalgia and national team spirit. But scholars and ecclesiastics have a duty also continually to translate into our shifting language, to try to catch the rainbow of the original meaning.

Some poetry is untranslatable. When Joyce wrote, in *Finnegans Wake*: "Unda her brella mid piddle med puddle she runnygoes mannygoes nancing by," the unda is the River Liffey at Dublin rippling down to the sea. Another translation is a young girl in the rain tripping along the wet road. The spell also suggests several other things, including nanny goats. We must continually translate. But, as with all poetry, we should never claim that any version is definitive. Especially not for bigotry, or political or show-off reasons. The Lord knows what we mean. We are the ones who lose the meaning in the mumbo-jumbo.

## New look

A SHARP-NAILED rivalry has sprung up between two of New York's most prominent English-women over the sovereignty of Manhattan's great social event of the year.

Liz Tilberis, editor of *Harper's Bazaar* magazine, has clinched the chairmanship of the Costume Institute Ball, an evening of spectacle and fantastic social pole-vaulting held every December at the Metropolitan Museum. She has succeeded her fellow countrywoman and glossy magazine editor, Anna Wintour of *Vogue*.

Miss Wintour is said to be



Anna and Liz, who will be New York's fashioning... when the annual... (Photo: AP)

appalled by the news that the job has gone to a rival, Miss Tilberis is "pleased as punch", "cockahoop", "bristling with pleasure". A veteran social commentator, requesting anonymity, spoke yesterday of a "cat fight" between the two experts.

The Costume Institute Ball is the East Coast's answer to Ladies' Day at Ascot. Tickets cost \$1,000 a head and Manhattan dames diet for weeks in advance. Last year's ball was one of the most beauteous in its 35-year history and was considered Anna Wintour's great ascension into the social firmament.

• Michael Winner has been spouting about Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's annual summer festival at his country home, Sydmonton: "When I went last year I won £3,000 bering on the croquet," he says. "This year I backed my Ferrari into another car and did £3,000 worth of damage."

### Berth control

AN URGENT inquiry has been launched into another collision between the Royal Yacht *Britannia* and a ship once commanded by Prince Andrew. Last Wednesday in Portsmouth harbour, the minuscule *HMS Cottesmore* was trying to berth in foul weather when the anchored *Britannia*



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iously into the starboard bow of *Britannia*.

The Royal Family have enjoyed their fair share of navigational mishaps, but this time no royal was on board. The crew of both ships are said by the Navy to have escaped injury.

Hasty repair work ensured that *Britannia* was shipshape for the Queen Mother's jaunt up the Solent on Friday, and the Navy is playing down the accident. "A minor incident in which no one was hurt. *HMS Cottesmore* passed too close to the Royal Yacht in very adverse weather conditions. The yacht was repainted, sharpish."

• Conversation at the post-production party of the new musical *Martin Guerre* in London this week concerned the startling cod-pieces worn by actors. "Entombed," spluttered one guest, "entombed."

Iain Glen, the show's bearded star, admitted they had been controversial. "Originally they were even bigger, but none of us could walk properly so we had them altered."

### Tweed run

BRACING NEWS for all of those who thought that Gordonstoun School — for years a paradigm of brutalised Scots education — had softened up. The headmaster, Mark Pyper, is planning to run the original Marathon route, from Marathon to Athens, in a tweed suit and brogues. Kurt Hahn, the German founder of the school, hero to the Duke of Edinburgh and cold shower fetishist, would have approved.

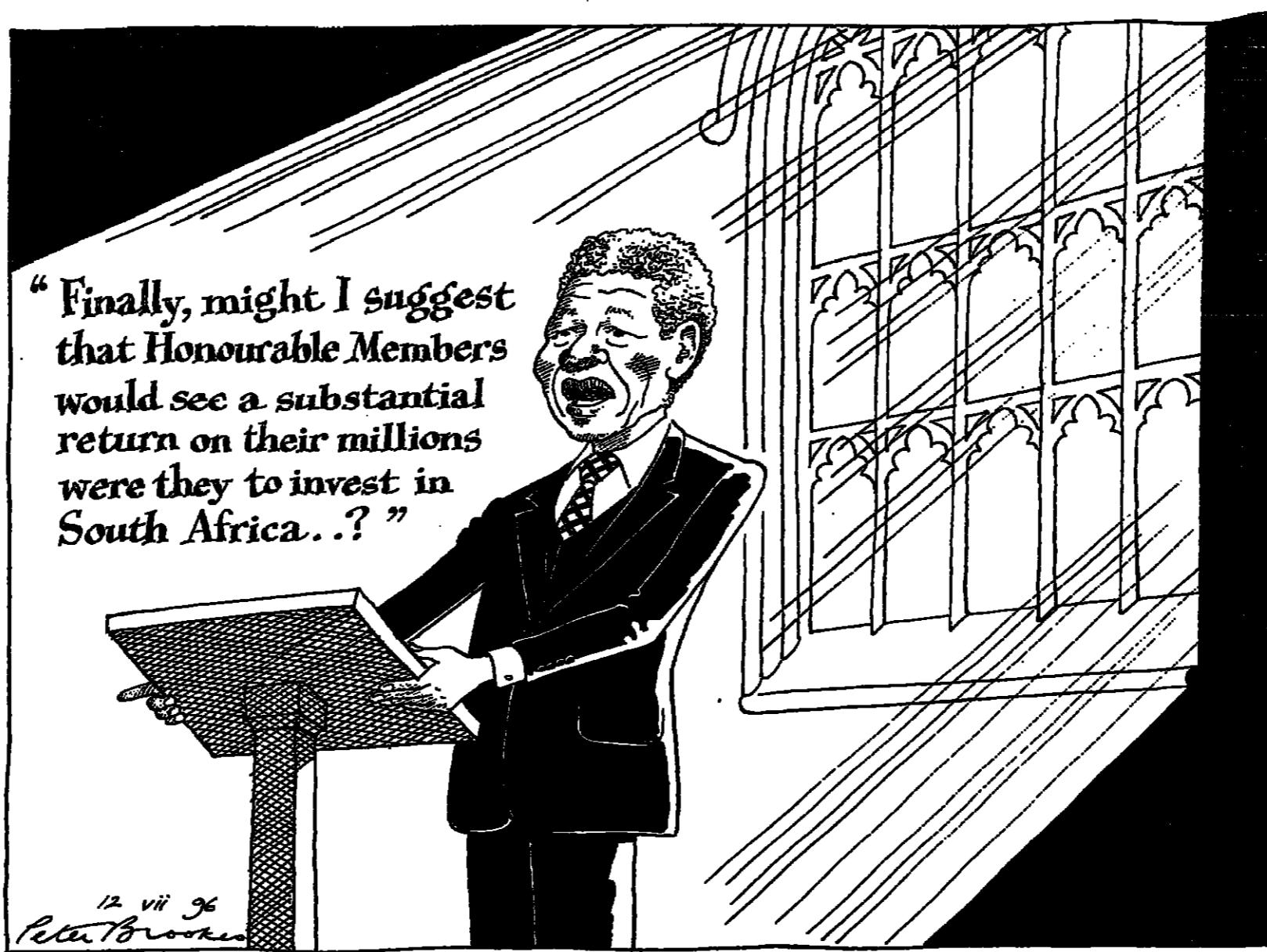
Pyper was not fazed when a recent documentary about the co-educational school depicted pupils drinking, smoking and flirting: his mind is focused on Greece in October.

"Some of the pupils have asked me whether I sleep in my tweeds," said Pyper, whose wife, Jenny, will be covering the route in more conventional running kit. "I anticipate covering the distance at a brisk pace in about seven hours. My wife is aiming for four-and-a-half."

P.L.S.



Died Punter in his kit



## Howard's greasy pole

The Home Secretary's policies may be mad or bad or both, but all that matters to him is his ambition

It must begin by saying that to want to be prime minister is not in itself a sign of incipient lunacy, though in fact almost all of those who yearn for the riband have some kind of mild or profound distortion of the brain, if any.

Well, would you? Think: a good few hours every day talking rubbish:

another chunk of time pretending to admire colleagues whom you detest:

curled lips from any decent passer-by:

and a ludicrously small income. So I wouldn't do it, and you wouldn't do it, but Lilley would do it if he had the chance (he hasn't, thank goodness) and so would Portillo with his tongue hanging out, and so would Dorell, and as for Mawhinney, I bet he even dreams about it, and poor old Heseltine started to try to do it when he was 3½ years old and hasn't succeeded yet. (Heseltine even recently tried to make a joke. I swear it — Heseltine truly did try to make a joke.)

Now I haven't forgotten one of these figures. How could I? When is the man who makes his yearning for it so obvious that I could almost — almost — admire him. For that man wants that job, and wants it so profoundly, so passionately, so almost derangedly, that he would do almost anything — short of breaking the law, of course. But I am sure that he dreams of the job, he yearns for the job, his hands shake when he discusses the job — nay, when he sings in his bath. I swear he sings about getting the job.

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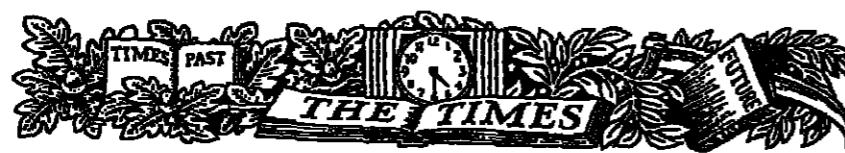
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## NO REFUGE

The law should not require Britain to harbour terrorists

Britain is to propose to the United Nations a new legal "instrument" to limit the 1951 Convention on Refugees. The need to alter international practice on political asylum was made clear by *Malcolm Rifkind* in Jeddah last week, in talks with the Saudi Government over the presence in Britain of the Saudi dissident, Muhammad al-Masari, who openly calls for the violent overthrow of the House of Saud. Mr Rifkind was doubtless relieved to be assured that the Masari case was "irrelevant" to Anglo-Saudi relations and would incur no Saudi retaliation. But that does not lessen the embarrassment of the shelter Dr Masari enjoys in Britain, or of London's current reputation as a haven for Islamist extremists.

To exclude future Masaris from protection under the 1951 Convention, John Major will seek UN endorsement for the proposition that no one who funds, incites or embraces terrorism merits refugee status. The convention, Britain maintains, was never intended to give safe haven to those plotting indiscriminate slaughter for political ends. When he put this plan to the G7 summit in Lyons, he found wide support. But the idea will be controversial in many other countries. What of those peoples fighting oppression, foreign occupation or state terrorism? And what constitutes terrorism? One man's terrorist is another's freedom fighter.

Anticipating this, Britain is not proposing a legally binding addition to the convention, which would inevitably open up to debate the generally admirable text adopted by a smaller, more coherent UN General Assembly in 1951. Instead, Britain is hoping for quick ratification of a "declaration", a non-binding instrument distinct from the convention. Even this, however, could easily

become mired in UN committees; it could take years to reach the required consensus.

More relevant to Britain's needs is the legislation now being proposed by Lord Lloyd's committee – particularly where this concerns the law on conspiracy. Amazingly, there is at present no law to prevent exiles living in Britain from plotting terrorism overseas. Britain's freedoms permit them to plan the violent overthrow of the governments – including often those friendly to the West – of their home countries. For the past year Whitehall officials have insisted that a myriad of international conventions, criminal laws and Home Office discretionary powers make it impossible for asylum-seekers to set up terrorist cells in this country. Now, finally, they admit that the law is deficient; only on conspiracy to commit murder can terrorist exiles be brought before British courts.

Inevitably, any proposed legislation resulting from the Lloyd recommendations will also be controversial. Britain has a long tradition of free speech, of sheltering dissidents and of equal treatment before the law, whether an individual is British or foreign. There will be questions about the right to call for the overthrow of dictatorial regimes, suspicion of new MI5 and police powers and a British kowtow to rich Arab clients. This is irrelevant. Terrorism is a world scourge. It can no more be defined than a terrorist can define a rat, but it is instinctively known and detested by all democracies. In the past, governments hesitated to punish those who seized aircraft to escape dictatorships, but eventually they realised that laws against hijacking allowed no exception. There can be no shelter for advocates of terrorism, either within Britain or overseas.

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Yours sincerely,  
DAVID ALTON,  
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July 11.

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MARGARET A. FERRIS.

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From Dr Peter Harvey

Sir, Can we now anticipate a 26 per cent rise in the intellectual, academic, logical and moral attributes of MPs? Or have the devourers of peanuts merely become devourers of cashews?

Yours sincerely,  
PETER HARVEY,  
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July 10.

From Mr Brian North Lee

Sir, Is the "feel-good" factor here? For possible evidence consult any MP.

Yours faithfully,  
BRIAN NORTH LEE,  
32 Barrowgate Road, Chiswick, W4.

July 11.

### Bare necessities

From Mr Graham Sweet

Sir, On behalf of my fellow Canadians I should be pleased if you could let us know where we might buy a pint of beer for 55p back home ("A global guide to bare necessities", July 2). A beer store would probably sell a 12oz bottle for 55p and in a bar it would cost about £1.50 or nearly £2.50 for a pint.

On a more sober note: I am not qualified to comment on costs in Europe but I know that if a weekly supermarket bill for a family of four is £75 in Canada, it would be cheaper in the US and certainly not £145. Or are you, if you will excuse the expression, comparing apples with oranges, is an Ottawa supermarket with an exclusive New York food emporium?

Perhaps you had some exchange rate translation problems, as your correspondent must have had in the US when buying a £4 hamburger.

Yours truly,  
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July 2.

From Mrs Cynthia Gillen

Sir, Do many of your readers regard a made-to-measure man's suit, boarding school fees, live-in nanny and a maid as "bare necessities"? I would have found the article much more informative if it had included dry-cleaning, prices, hospital or doctor's fees and haircuts.

And what will I wear if my husband splurges on a made-to-measure suit? According to your article, only three pairs of knickers.

Yours sincerely,  
CYNTHIA GILLEN.

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### Members' vote to raise their pay

From Mr David Alton, MP for Mossley Hill (Liberal Democrat)

Sir, Your headline today (later editions), "MPs who rejected pay restraint", was misleading. I, for one, voted against both the 3 per cent increase and the 26 per cent increase. To print one division list, without the other, gives a distorted picture.

Many colleagues believe, as I do, that any increase in salary should have been put into effect on day one of the new Parliament. This would have countered the criticism that MPs were simply "looking after themselves".

Furthermore, salary increases should only have been agreed in the context of more fundamental and radical changes to the size of our legislature. A reduction of the number of members, by up to 250, would streamline the Commons, remove many of the pressures on facilities at Westminster, and lead to savings which could then be used to address the issue of renumeration.

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MARGARET A. FERRIS.

68 Oving Road, Whitchurch,  
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

July 11.

From Dr Peter Harvey

Sir, Can we now anticipate a 26 per cent rise in the intellectual, academic, logical and moral attributes of MPs? Or have the devourers of peanuts merely become devourers of cashews?

Yours sincerely,  
PETER HARVEY,  
134 Harley Street, W1.

July 10.

From Mr Brian North Lee

Sir, Is the "feel-good" factor here? For possible evidence consult any MP.

Yours faithfully,  
BRIAN NORTH LEE,  
32 Barrowgate Road, Chiswick, W4.

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From Mrs Cynthia Gillen

Sir, Do many of your readers regard a made-to-measure man's suit, boarding school fees, live-in nanny and a maid as "bare necessities"? I would have found the article much more informative if it had included dry-cleaning, prices, hospital or doctor's fees and haircuts.

And what will I wear if my husband splurges on a made-to-measure suit? According to your article, only three pairs of knickers.

Yours sincerely,  
CYNTHIA GILLEN.

Windrydge,  
47 Northgate Avenue,  
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

July 2.

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The purpose of this great expenditure

### Tactical value of soldiers' sacrifice at Goose Green

From Lady Fieldhouse

Sir, I read with a degree of surprise and anger General Julian Thompson's remark about the attack against the Argentinians at Goose Green – "I should have said 'we're not going to do it'" (report, July 10).

The order was given by my husband, Admiral Lord Fieldhouse, who was the overall Commander-in-Chief of the Falklands operation.

May I quote extracts from my husband's report, which appeared in the *London Gazette* of December 13, 1982, pertaining to the attack on Goose Green and Darwin.

On 26/27 May, 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines began to break out from the beachhead. The overall plan was to close up to the Port Stanley area as quickly as possible. There was, however, a significant Argentinian presence at Darwin and Goose Green. Although not on the direct route to Port Stanley, these troops posed a threat to the flank and to the beachhead. It was therefore decided that it was essential to neutralise the Argentinian presence before the advance to Stanley could be fully developed...

By mid-afternoon [on May 28], Darwin had been captured ... The battle for Goose Green lasted many hours, frequently at very close quarters ... Throughout the course of the battle, 16 officers and men of the 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment were killed, and one Royal Marines officer was also killed when his Sea King helicopter was shot down by enemy aircraft.

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hindsight or tactical analysis can ever change that.

Yours etc,  
M. E. FIELDHOUSE.  
Pippins,  
16 Ryde Place,  
Lee on Solent, Hampshire.  
July 10.

From Lt General Hew Pike

Sir,

2 Para's battle was characterised by extraordinary courage, high professional skill, a fierce determination to prevail – and by mistakes, which are the currency of war. The battalion's discipline, morale, training and confidence reflected those of its courageous Commanding Officer, H. Jones, whose leadership was inspirational before, during and the capture of Darwin and Goose Green.

The battle had a powerful moral impact on the land campaign. Following setbacks at sea and around the bridgehead, the news of this tactical success against the odds insilled into all officers in the landing force a confidence in ultimate victory.

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### World Service changes

From the Director General of the Save the Children Fund and others

Sir, There is considerable concern within overseas aid agencies over the proposed reorganisation of the BBC World Service (letters, June 19, 25) and the serious impact we fear it will have.

The changes proposed would effectively abolish the World Service as an entity and would subsume it into generic divisions. We fear that such divisions will be dominated by domestic British priorities and that in the process the World Service will lose two things which have made it so reputable and successful: its sensitivity to many different audiences and cultures, and the ability which goes with that – the ability to be there, wherever in the world, when stories are about to break.

Not only does this reorganisation threaten a situation whereby priorities (and budgets) will increasingly be set by the perceived interests of British listeners and viewers, but it also threatens something of fundamental importance to aid agencies' staff and the people with whom they work worldwide. This service – the distribution of accurate, objective information – is a crucial part of democracy and therefore the process of development which overseas aid agencies promote.

We therefore urge that this proposed reorganisation is strongly opposed, in the interests both of Britain and of people the world over.

Yours faithfully,  
MIKE AARONSON,  
Director General, Save the Children Fund.

JOHN BATTEN  
(Action Aid).

DAVID BRYER  
(Oxfam UK & Ireland).

WILL DAY  
(Care).

JULIAN FILOCHOWSKI  
(Cafod).

MICHAEL TAYLOR  
(Christian Aid).

274 Banbury Road, Oxford.

July 9.

### Coping with stammers

From Mr Charles Lister

Sir, My heart goes out to all stammerers (letter, July 9), having been one myself and having one in my family now. As a child I was always gulping, blushing, swallowing, gasping, mumbling and trying to change words.

But I never stammered when I spoke to our neighbouring farmer. This had to be in very broad Lancashire. By eight or nine I was bilingual; fluent in Lancashire; stammering in English. By stealth I managed somehow over the years to transfer my Lancashire voice production into English, and by 13 or 14 I had lost the stammer.

Yours etc,  
CHARLES LISTER,  
Leven Lodge, 30 Bilton Road,  
Rugby, Warwickshire.  
July 10.

### Animal magic

From Mr John Wilson

Sir, Your report (July 8) on the "flying hypodermic syringe" mosquito to immunise us against malaria opens new vistas for preventative medicine. How about a genetically engineered dog whose bite protects against rabies?

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN WILSON,  
17 Prince's Mews, W2.  
July 8.

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## COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE  
July 11: The Chairman of the British Petroleum Group, Sir David St. John, called upon the President of the Republic of South Africa at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The President afterwards visited the Bank of England and, having been received by the Governor (Mr Eddie George), had talks with financial and business leaders.

The President of the Republic of South Africa, accompanied by Princess Zennari Mandella-Diamini, later, at St James's Palace, received the High Commissioners of the Commonwealth Countries and Ambassadors accredited in the Court of St James's.

The President, with Her Royal Highness, afterwards visited the Palace of Westminster and was received by the Lord Great Chamberlain (the Marquess of Cholmondeley) and the Prince of Wales (the Rt Hon John Major MP).

His visit, conducted into Westminster Hall by the Lord Chancellor (the Lord Mackay of Clashfern) and the Speaker (the Rt Hon Betty Boothroyd), The President of the Republic of South Africa addressed the members of both Houses of the Parliament.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Gentlemen at Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

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His Royal Highness, Patron, British Universities Sports Association, later attended the Annual Summer Conference and Presentation Luncheon at the University of Aberdeen, University Road, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the City of Aberdeen (Mrs Margaret Farquhar, the Lord Provost).

CLARENCE HOUSE  
July 11: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this afternoon at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earl's Court.

The Hon Mrs Rhodes, Major Raymond Seymour and Major Charles MacEwan were in attendance.

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His Royal Highness, President, afterwards presented the Air High Awards at Lancaster House, London W1.

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## OBITUARIES

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**CHRISTOPHER CASSON** was the younger son of that long-lived and much celebrated theatrical couple Sir Lewis Casson and Dame Sybil Thorndike. He made his own debut as an actor in 1915, when he was still a toddler, in a production of *Julius Caesar* at the Old Vic. He recalled that he and his elder brother John got a round of applause for looking so sad at the sight of the dead poet Cinna. His last appearance was 80 years later as Sir William Lucas in a theatrical adaptation of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* at Dublin's Gate Theatre. As a concession to his age he was allowed to go home before the final curtain.

Born in Manchester, where his father was playing at the time, Casson was brought up in London. He went to school at King's College, Wimbledon, until, at the age of 12, he was sent away with his elder brother John to be trained as a seaman in HMS Worcester. From there he moved on to the Royal Naval College Dartmouth, and then into the Royal Navy. Inheriting his mother's pacifist convictions, he became profoundly distressed at the prospect of having to kill people. He was relieved when his parents agreed to buy him out and he returned to civilian life.

As a child he had often acted in plays in which his parents had lead parts. Now he decided to follow them in his professional career and trained for a time at the Central School of Dramatic Art run by Elsie Fogerty.

In 1930 he toured the United States with Ben Greet's Shakespearean Company. On his return he accompanied his parents on a tour that took him to Egypt, Palestine, Australia and New Zealand. But it was difficult to establish himself in his own right under the shadow of his forceful parents. He moved to Scotland where he played with the Perth Repertory. While there, he began to sing Scottish ballads and got himself a Celtic harp which remained his constant, lifelong companion.

As a committed pacifist, Casson felt

## CHRISTOPHER CASSON



uneasy as Britain drifted towards war. In 1938 he accepted an invitation to play at Dublin's Gate Theatre with that exotic self-styled Irishman Michael MacLiammoir under the direction of MacLiammoir's friend Hilton Edwards. Three years later he married Kay O'Connell, a Dublin girl who was a stage designer with the company. He converted to Roman Catholicism which he insisted did not differ much from the Anglo-Catholicism in which he had been reared. His parents were not best pleased that he remained in Dublin during the war. In vain his mother pleaded with him to return to Britain to fight the pacifist cause there. There were few lead roles to be had

dilettante man with a fastidious distaste for self-promotion.

As an actor Casson retained some of the melodramatic quality of an earlier generation. He had a mellifluous voice with a richness he liked to attribute to his Celtic forebears. "In the theatre," he said, "one has to get to a certain elevated point above the almost and I'm always after that." It dovetailed with his lifelong interest in mysticism.

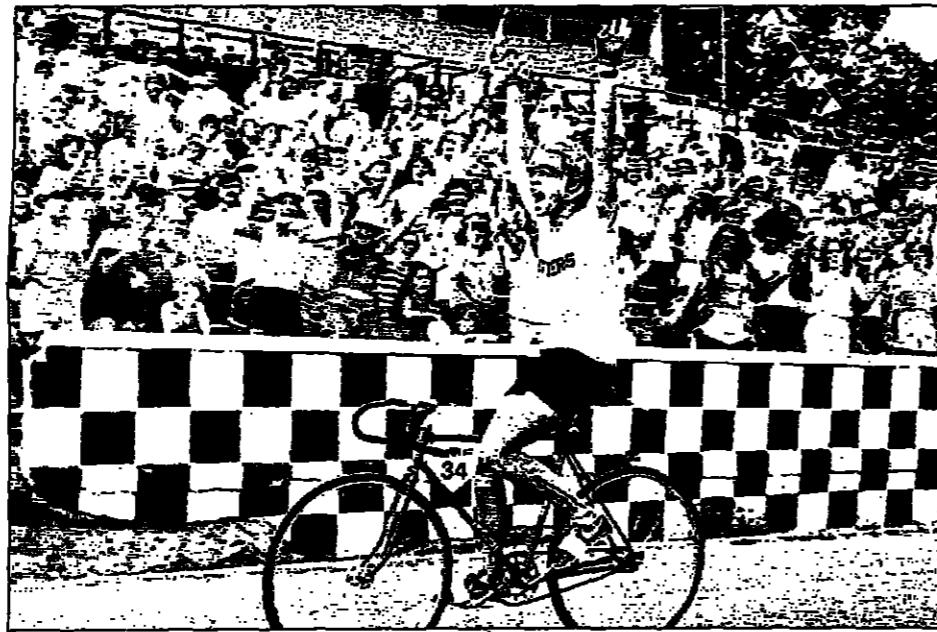
The advent of television in Ireland in the 1960s offered new opportunities — although it destroyed much of the character of the Dublin social life which Casson had enjoyed since he settled there. He played the part of a benign, well-loved, if somewhat naive, person with spectacular success in a long-running series about rural life called *The Riordans*. Later he had parts in several BBC productions, notably *The Irish RM, Autumn Sunshine and Strangers and Brothers*. For many years he taught speech drama at All Hallows College, which trained Irish priests to serve in any part of the English-speaking world. "My son Christopher," said his bemused mother, "is somewhere in Ireland teaching monks how to speak English."

Casson was a delightful man, urbane and courteous in an old-world way. A certain lack of practicality added to his charm. Michael MacLiammoir once remarked that he and his wife Kay looked at things through the eyes of childhood and that their world was intoxicated with gaiety as a bee was intoxicated with honey.

But if Casson was full of fun he was also deeply reflective. He was a devout Catholic and attended Mass every day. He lived on Sandymount Strand where Stephen Dedalus in Joyce's *Ulysses* had "walked into eternity". In all weathers the elderly Casson was to be seen, often attired in a duffel coat, making his way across the vast expanse of sand when the tide was out, a solitary, contemplative figure who was a living link with so much that was great in the theatre in a bygone age.

Casson was predeceased by his wife. There were two daughters of the marriage, both of whom survive him. His elder daughter Glynis is one of Ireland's leading stage designers.

## STEVE TESICH



A triumphant moment for the bicycle racer, Dave, in *Breaking Away*, 1979

with "The Boys" — as MacLiammoir and Edwards were known — in Dublin. Casson moved to a rival company run by the portly, temperamental Earl of Longford (the brother of the present Earl) and his wife Christine. He enjoyed playing the part of Uncle Vanya in Chekhov's *Cherry Orchard*. But Longford productions operated in a time capsule and Casson agreed with a colleague who said that they were "the playthings of a mad nobleman". About 1950 he decided to go freelance. He had a lead role in Louis Dalton's *This Other Eden* which had a record run at the Abbey Theatre in Dublin. But on the whole he was content with lesser parts. He was a

director Peter Yates in making *Breaking Away*, a coming-of-age comedy set in Bloomington.

For some years he had been making a living by writing screenplays that were never produced — a not unusual Hollywood phenomenon — but *Breaking Away* proved an instant success. An affectionate and humorous story, it was, like most of Tesich's better work, largely autobiographical. He had studied in Bloomington and taken part in the cycle race around which it revolved.

*Breaking Away* won Tesich an Academy Award for best original screenplay and was nominated for four other Oscars. His newfound fame enabled him to get his next play, a farce called *Division Street*, on to Broadway, but it closed after only 21 performances and he did not write another for nine years.

Instead, he returned to Hollywood, scripting *Eyewitness*, (1981), *Four Friends* (1981), *The World According to Garp* (1982), *American Flyers* (1985) and *Event* (1985). Most received good reviews, but his initial success was never repeated. In 1982 he published a novel, *Summer Crossing*, which was a professional piece of work but written, reviewers suspected, very much with the screenplay already in mind, and slightly too sensationalist for nine years.

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By 1989 Tesich was becoming disillusioned with the America of the Reagan/Bush era. He returned to being a playwright, but his play *Highway* had now been replaced by *Summer Crossing* as he explored themes of selfishness and lost national identity in *The Speed of Darkness*, *Square One* and *On the Open Road*. The American failure to intervene in the Yugoslav conflict affected him deeply; it was as though the fractured world of his childhood had come full circle.

He is survived by his wife Rebecca, and one daughter.

## DONALD NEESHAM



Donald Neesham, former head of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad, died on June 12 aged 72. He was born on February 3, 1924.

A SKILFUL detective and a fair-minded man, Donald Neesham served for six years in one of the most pivotal posts in the Metropolitan Police. From 1973 to 1979 he was the head of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad — officially known as CS, but also referred to as "the Heavy Mob" or, in cockney rhyming slang, the Sweeney (Todd).

Neesham's appointment came at a crucial time. He was the successor to Commander Ken Drury, the "bent cop" who had severely damaged the reputation of the Yard during the late 1960s and early 1970s. Drury's police career had ended in scandal when he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for accepting bribes. Neesham was chosen as his successor to help to restore the Yard's shattered reputation. Known by his colleagues as "the Guy'n'or", he was a natural leader, managing to command not only the loyalty of his men but the respect of the criminals whom he pursued.

Donald Neesham was born in Bishop Auckland, the son of an engine driver. On leaving Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Darlington, he began his working career as a clerk with an insurance company. But during the Second World War he enlisted in the Royal Air Force and was sent to South Africa to be trained.

On demobilisation in 1946 Neesham joined the Metropolitan Police. He showed particular ability as a detective and, as he gained in experience, won an impressive reputation for bringing murder investigations to a successful conclusion.

In 1963 he was one of the officers who took part in the inquiries which led to the apprehension of the criminals

involved in the Great Train Robbery. He escorted some of the prisoners to Parkhurst on the Isle of Wight. He was a "decent bloke", one of them said. Criminals regarded him with a mixture of fear and respect.

In 1966 he was raised to the rank of detective chief inspector. Two years later he became detective superintendent and, in 1969, detective chief superintendent.

It was in 1973 that he was made commander of the Flying Squad. It was a post in which he stood out as an imposing figure and under his leadership the squad enjoyed some success. He was awarded the Queen's Police Medal and the Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977.

However, in 1979, at the age of 55 and after 33 years of service with the Metropolitan Police, Neesham handed in his notice after the result of a disciplinary hearing concerning the conduct of three of his men. They were fined by a disciplinary board for taking a

police car outside London without proper authority and failing to inform a chief constable that they had gone into his area and made arrests.

Neesham denied that the row had led to him handing in his notice. He said that he had been under considerable strain for some time and was leaving for medical reasons. But he was clearly unhappy that his officers had had to pay such a high price for such a minor offence. Such petty rules and a strict adherence to procedure seemed to be hampering the squad's fight against a rising crime rate.

He retired to his home in Hampton, Middlesex, where, despite failing health, he continued to maintain his interest in rugby. He himself had played for the British Police rugby team and for Surrey and he had been chairman of the Metropolitan Police Rugby Club.

Neesham is survived by his wife Audrey, whom he married in 1950, and by their twin sons and a daughter.

## ARTHUR CHARLESBY



Arthur Charlesby, Professor of Physics at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, 1957-77, died on June 13 aged 80. He was born on October 12, 1915.

A PIONEER in the field of radiation chemistry, Arthur Charlesby was one of the founding fathers of the pure and applied radiation science of polymers. He published a number of papers and patents concerning topics such as crosslinking and chain reactions leading to polymerisation and grafting, as well as scission processes. He also contributed greatly to the development and establishment of modern technologies for production of new products.

As Professor of Physics at the Royal Military College of Science at Shrivenham and in work carried out in collaboration with universities and research centres all over the world, he combined a keen intellect with a vivacious and loquacious manner to transmit his enthusiasm for his specialised field of study to many students.

Arthur Charlesby won a scholarship to Imperial College, London, to study engineering and then physics, graduating with first-class honours in 1937. His future research interests surfaced when he embarked on a PhD studying electron diffraction on organic crystals.

In 1938 he volunteered for war service and was put to work on infra-red devices to counter night bombers. During the early years of the war he served as a gas identification officer before going on to work for the Ministry of Aircraft Production to undertake research on the application of scientific thinking to a variety of practical problems.

Posted to operational research in North Africa in 1943 he pursued, among other things, scientific investigations into bombing accuracy and effectiveness in Italy. He was mentioned in dispatches.

This military experience led to his being appointed to the job of planning air traffic in postwar Europe. He was in large part responsible for the airlift of the Berlin

in 1948-49.

Between 1949 and 1955, Charlesby was at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment (AERE), Harwell, studying the effects of radiation on materials, principally metals and polymers. Many of his earliest basic patents on the irradiation of polymers were taken out at this time, though, because of AERE policy, only in the United Kingdom. This led the United States to re-appraise the commercial benefits.

Frustrated with AERE's

lack of commercial foresight, he moved to Tube Investments' new research laboratory at Hinkton Hall, Cambridge. There he continued to produce first-rate papers on subjects such as ionic polymerisation, polyester curing, polymer reinforcement and foamed polyethylene. His discoveries formed the basis of a worldwide industry.

In 1957, when a decision was made to separate research and development activities, Charlesby decided to accept the post of Professor of Physics at the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham.

Even after his retirement in 1977 he was exceptionally active, continuing to study molecular mobility and configuration and, more controversially, promoting his unorthodox views on the quantisation of time and space.

He is survived by his wife Irene.

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## NEWS

## Ulster erupts as march goes ahead

■ Nationalist violence erupted throughout Northern Ireland last night after 1,300 Orangemen were allowed to march through a Roman Catholic area of Portadown, Co Armagh, at the end of a tense five-day stand-off.

Hooded men hijacked cars and threw stones at police in republican areas of West Belfast, Londonderry and Armagh City within hours of the parade. RUC officers and troops are braced for more trouble today

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## Police say killer may strike again

■ Women and children were told by police not to leave home as they said the murderer who bludgeoned Lin Russell and her daughter Megan to death in a frenzied attack could kill again. Josephine Russell, nine, remained seriously ill after being left for dead alongside her mother and sister

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## BA strike off

British Airways pilots called off the strike which they had threatened from next Tuesday. Both sides in the dispute claimed to have reached a satisfactory settlement

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## Rothschild suicide

Ames Rothchild, chairman of Rothschild Asset Management and tipped as a head of the banking dynasty, hanged himself with a dressing gown belt in his Paris hotel room, police said

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## Mandela ovation

Nelson Mandela addressed both Houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall and received a standing ovation at the end of a forceful and moving 30-minute address

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## Pothole tomb

An exhausted British potholer trapped by flood waters 2,500ft beneath the French Alps faced a sixth night in an icy tomb with a companion's body

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## Top investors

Indians are the keenest players of the stock market in Britain, according to a survey of saving habits. Nearly a third of households have no savings

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## Breath of life

The lives of dozens of newborn babies with potentially fatal lung problems have been saved by a controversial new lung bypass machine, doctors said

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## Perot for President

Ross Perot said he would run in the American presidential election provided his new Reform Party nominated him — which it is almost certain to

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## Back the horse that travels backwards

■ Racehorses may run faster if they travel backwards from the stable to the course. Research suggests they suffer less stress and waste less energy in horseboxes if they are transported facing the back. The *Veterinary Record* reports that thoroughbreds transported in that way had lower heart rates, neighed less often and maintained better balance

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## Blair pay puzzle

Tony Blair kept his MPs guessing over whether he will accept the 2.6 per cent pay rise or repeat his past decision to reject an above-inflation increase. John Major also kept his own counsel

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## Serbia celebrates

Serbs celebrated the anniversary of the "liberation" of Srebrenica which involved the forced expulsion of some 30,000 civilians and the massacre of up to 8,000 Muslim men

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## General blown up

A Russian general was killed when his armoured personnel carrier hit a landmine in Chechnya and five people were hurt by a bomb left on a Moscow trolleybus

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## Passports for widows

The Commons considers today whether the 28 Hong Kong war widows should have British passports, after they were promised them by John Major

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## Markets

The FT-SE 100 index fell 16.8 points to 3,749.0. Sterling's trade-weighted index remained unchanged at 86.5 after a rise from \$1.5537 to \$1.5557 but a fall from DM2.3688 to DM2.3675

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## BUSINESS

Economy: Growth in retail sales during June was the strongest since 1990. At the same time inflation slipped to 2.1 per cent

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## Somerfield

The supermarket chain will pay executive directors up to £13 million in bonuses if a planned stockmarket flotation is successful

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## SPORT

Golf: Ian Woosnam, Russell Clayton and Jay Townsend shared the lead on level par 144 after two rounds of the Scottish Open at Carnoustie

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## Cricket

England, the hosts, have been drawn in the same group as Sri Lanka, the holders, for the next World Cup in 1999

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Musical heroines: From Handel to Beethoven, opera composers have always loved their femmes fatales. Now one of the greatest of them all, Alban Berg's *Lulu*, is coming to Glyndebourne

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## High flyer

Valerie Grove talks to Bob Ayling, Chief Executive of British Airways, about working conditions, customers, mergers and strike threats

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## FASHION

Janet R Webb sums up the Paris couture shows

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## EDUCATION

Who knows best? Teachers say they know how to deal with children's special needs, local councils say they do. But what about parents?

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## Fencing out

Schools are finding that they cannot get the funding they need to make their premises more secure

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## Playschool

Futuroscope, the French theme park, has an educational role that could teach Britain some lessons

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## TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ GOLD STARS  
The shape of things to come: a celebration of Britain's Olympians, in the Magazine

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Your seven-day guide to the best of satellite and terrestrial television, and radio

## TOMORROW

THE PAPERS

Russia is becoming more and more like Italy: Mafia, corruption, business tycoons, political instability, excessive bureaucracy, a weighty public deficit and plots in high places. After Boris Yeltsin's victory there is yet another similarity: the reduction of political parties from a multitude to two main blocs, in our case the Centre Left (Olive Tree) and Centre Right (Polo); in the case of Russia, the former Communists or Social Democrats or the Yeltsinites

— *La Repubblica*

## OPEN HANES

Christopher Cason, actor; Donald Neesham, head of Scotland's Flying Squad; Professor Arthur Charsky, physicist; Steve Tesich, playwright

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## LEFT FIELD

Goose Green: MPs' pay; women lawyers; World Service

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A detail of the St Thomas à Becket chasse, which has been saved for the nation after Lord Thomson of Fleet, who secured it at auction last week for £4.18 million, withdrew his right to it yesterday. Pages 1, 19

## TV LISTINGS

Preview: an adrenalin-filled start to a new series of *Chicago Hope* (BBC2, 10.00pm). Review: Lynn Truss on the peculiar charm of *The Secret Life of Seashores* ... Page 9

## OPINION

## No refuge

Terrorism is a world scourge, it can no more be defined than a terrier can define a rat, but it is instinctively known and detested by all democracies. There can be no shelter for its advocates

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## Striking out

The way to deal with striking monopolies is to attack the monopoly, not the right to strike. More competition minimises public exposure to industrial blackmail

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## Lessons of the chase

The most important result of this affair is that an inspirational work of art, symbol of one of English history's best known events, should be preserved here in its entirety. But a good outcome does not answer all the questions posed by the early, botched attempts to re-enact the chase at lower cost

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## COLUMNS

## DERVENT MAY

George Orwell may have been, in some sense, a socialist until the end of his life. But what is certain is that his anti-communism was rock-solid. His willingness to work for the Foreign Office in 1949 was wholly right

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## PHILIP HOWARD

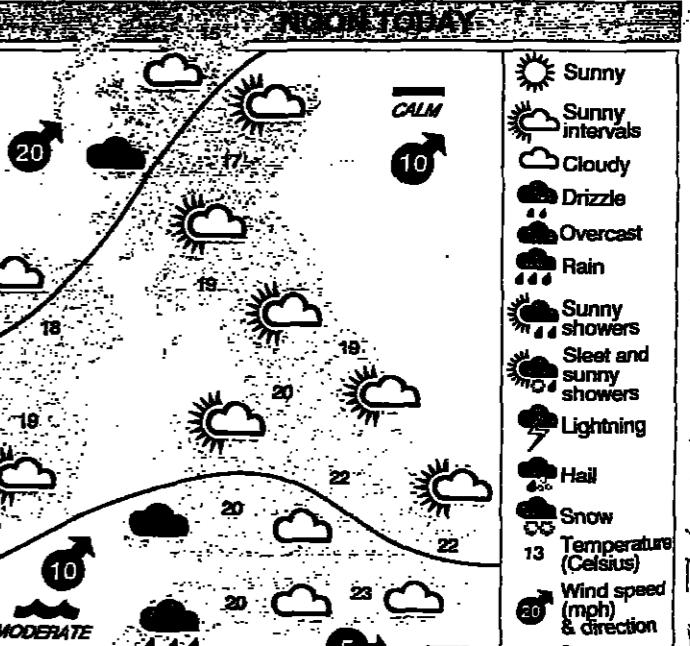
Traditional phrases such as the Lord's Prayer are part of our national poetic heritage. But scholars and ecclesiastics have a duty also continually to translate into our shifting language

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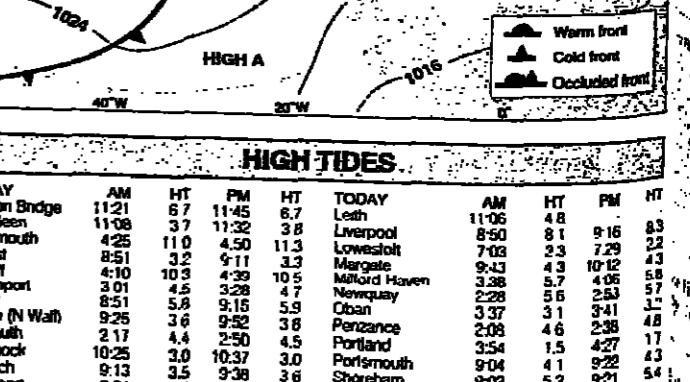
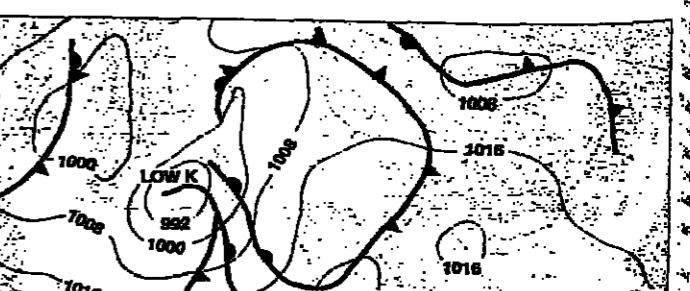
## PETER RIDDELL

MPs can hide behind their party whips on controversial votes. But they have had to stand up and be counted over their own pay and the division lists for Wednesday's votes reveal fascinating patterns of caution and calculation

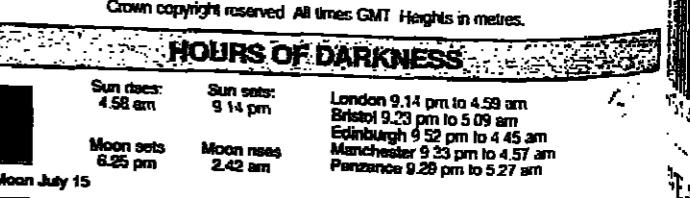
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